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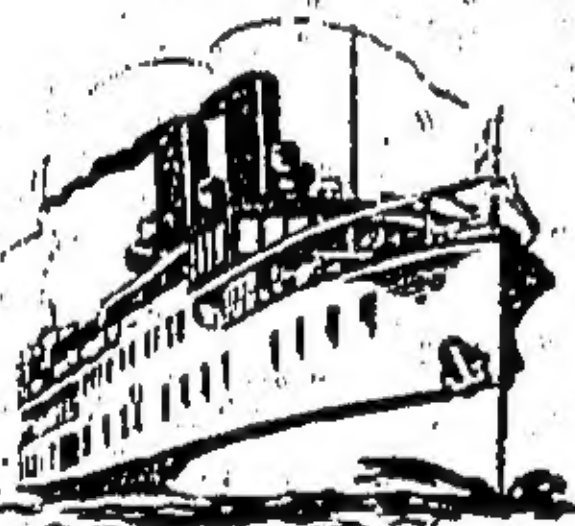
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Coal Mine Visit



The King and Queen before going down the Glamis Pit, Kibblesworth, Durham, in July this year.

SHORTEST REIGN

King Edward VIII's reign was the shortest since that of Edward V., murdered in the Tower in 1483 at the instigation of his successor, Richard III.

Edward V.'s reign lasted two months and thirteen days. Richard II., Edward II., and Henry VI. all abdicated under duress, and were in addition dethroned. All three were subsequently murdered.

Precedents for the Crown passing from the Monarch to a brother or sister are frequent in English history.

William IV. succeeded George IV., James II. inherited the Crown from Charles II., Elizabeth succeeded her sister and brother, Mary and Edward VI., and Richard III., by eliminating his nephew, succeeded Edward IV.

FORGOTTEN!

A Stanley Baldwin Story

MR. BALDWIN WAS TRAVELLING BY TRAIN FROM WORCESTER TO LONDON. A MAN SITTING OPPOSITE LOOKED AT HIM FOR SOME TIME, AND EVENTUALLY SAID, "YOUR NAME IS BALDWIN, ISN'T IT? TELL ME, WEREN'T WE AT SCHOOL TOGETHER?"

"YES," REPLIED MR. BALDWIN, "WE WERE AT HARROW."

"WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE WE LEFT?" ASKED THE MAN.

Story told by Mr. Charles Stuart Taylor, M.P., at the British and North American Luncheon Club in London.

Pictorial Record Of Recent Crisis

By arrangement with our London office, "The Hong Kong Daily Press" is able to provide by air mail a photographic record of leading personalities and scenes in the recent constitutional crisis which culminated in the abdication of King Edward VIII. These striking pictures will be featured during this and portion of next week.

CHRONOLOGICAL COINCIDENCE

Through the abdication of Edward VIII attention has been drawn to one of the most remarkable coincidences in British history.

Dec. 11, 1936—the bill confirming the abdication of Edward VIII passed through all its stages.

On Dec. 11, 1688, the Whig Lords Spiritual and Temporal met and issued a declaration published in the "London Gazette."

It was the historic document which confirmed the Revolution of 1688, and referred to James II.

"having withdrawn Himself, and as 'We apprehend, in order to His Departure out of this Kingdom, by the Pernicious Councils of Persons ill-Affected to our Nation and Religion... We do therefore unanimously resolve to apply Ourselves to His Highness the Prince of Orange."

The signatories included both Archbishops, several of the Bishops, and the leading Whig magnates.

The Duke With The Boys



Characteristic photograph of the King enjoying a joke with the members at the annual Southwold Camp, which, as Duke of York, he established to bring factory boys and public school boys together under canvas.

BRITISH MAJOR KILLED

Action With Indian Tribesmen

New Delhi, Dec. 23. One British officer was killed and another slightly wounded in action at Khalsora valley. Major J. W. Williams of the second battalion 2nd Punjab Regiment died in action while 2nd Lieut. R. G. T. Baines 1st Hampshire Regiment received wounds, when British and Indian forces who are constructing a road up the Khalsora valley engaged tribesmen who were eventually driven off.

Other casualties included two lance-corporals of the Northamptonshire Regiment wounded, two Indians killed and nine wounded.—*Reuter.*

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LONDON SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)
London, Dec. 23.
London silver prices to-day were down 3/8 as follows:—
Dec. 22. Dec. 23.
Spot 21-1/4 20-7/8
Forward 21-3/16 20-13/16

The Royal Princesses



Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Ross on their arrival at Olympia to see the Tournament in 1935.

Archbishop Leaving Downing Street



The Archbishop of Canterbury after visiting the Prime Minister in Downing Street was the centre of a demonstration from the large crowd seen in this picture. A man shouted: "We want King Edward and his wife"; other people held posters in front of his eyes: "Hands off our King."

TRAGIC DATES

THE year was a memorable one for Ex-King Edward since he succeeded to the Throne on January 20. Here are some of the notable and tragic events in which he took part during his short reign:—

JANUARY 21.—Held first Privy Council at St. James's Palace, at which the Proclamation proclaiming him King Edward VIII was signed.

IN HIS FIRST SPEECH AS KING, HE SAID: "... I AM DETERMINED TO FOLLOW IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND WORK AS HE DID THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE FOR THE HAPPINESS AND WELFARE OF MY SUBJECTS."

JANUARY 23.—Coffin of King George was brought from Sandringham to London and carried through streets packed with sorrowing crowds. The new King and his brothers walked behind the bier.

JANUARY 27.—King Edward and three brothers mounted guard over their father's coffin.

JANUARY 28.—Funeral of King George.

MARCH 1.—King Edward broadcast to the Empire.

JUNE.—Made an aerial inspection of Royal Air Force stations.

JULY 16.—"Revolver incident" while the King was returning from Hyde Park after presenting Colours to Brigade of Guards. George Andrew McMahon threw a loaded revolver on the roadway.

JULY 28.—King Edward visited Vimy Ridge, unveiled the Canadian National War Memorial.

AUGUST.—WENT ON A FIVE-WEEK ADRIATIC CRUISE ABOARD THE YACHT NAHLIN. ROYAL PARTY INCLUDED MRS. SIMPSON.

SEPTEMBER 14.—Arrived back in England in his own plane.

NOVEMBER 3.—Opened his first Parliament.

NOVEMBER 11.—Armistice Day. King Edward attended Cenotaph Service and Festival of Empire and Remembrance, Albert Hall.

NOVEMBER 12.—Inspected the Home Fleet at Portland.

NOVEMBER 18.—Began his three-day tour of "black areas" of South Wales—his last public appearance before abdication.

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SAVING MADRID'S ART TREASURES

Fate Of The Prado Museum

In a period of quiet offered by two days of cloudy, rainy weather the Government is busy removing to a place of safety priceless works of art still remaining in Madrid.

I visited the Prado Museum recently. The glass windows have nearly all been blown out in the last air raid. The Museum was in semi-darkness. In the gloom workmen were furiously busy putting pictures into enormous packing cases, and loading these carefully on to lorries which will carry them off to the security of Valencia and Alicante.

Most of this work has devolved on the Fifth Regiment of Militia, whose troops have all been placed for the preservation of the works of art. The ground floor of the Prado re-echoes to their steps.

The statues have been removed from their pedestals. The walls are bare of pictures. The corridors are filled with packing-cases containing the nation's treasures.

For weeks now the work of saving irreplaceable art treasures has been going on. Back in October I visited the Church of Illerzas to see El Greco's "San Ildefonso" and found it had been taken away the day before to Madrid for safety.

AT THE ESCORIAL

The same thing has been done at the Escorial. There, fine Titians, Ribera's, Tintoretto's, El Greco's, and Bosch's, all of which were movable, have been taken down and sent to Madrid, where they are now stored in the vaults of the Bank of Spain. Only the inaccessible ceilings have had to be left "in situ."

I found one of the great halls of the Prado used as a soldiers' dormitory. It was a striking contrast—the beds, blankets and equipment on the floor, while up above were the bold designs and voluptuous colours of Jordaens, pupil of Rubens.

Most of the books of the Escorial Library have been either lodged in the cellars or taken to Madrid. The Committee of Popular Culture and the Committee for the protection of Artistic Heritage have done signal work in the environs of Madrid in saving from bombardment and ruin the artistic and literary treasures of Spain.

Working with limited equipment—two lorries were the most they

disposed of—these Committees went systematically through old houses and municipalities around Madrid, bringing historical treasures in to safety. They had to work under grave difficulties. The Militiamen who helped them were enthusiastic rather than critical.

BOOKS AND EMBROIDERY

There are innumerable stories of enthusiastic militiamen salvaging gaudy, modern chasubles and throwing into a corner as valueless some faded embroideries dating from the early middle ages.

It was not until Toledo had been captured that full realisation of the needs of the hour were impressed on the Government. The retreat of the Government from Toledo was too precipitate to permit of saving the pictures there. Officials have assured me that the famous El Greco there were not damaged when the Government forces left.

In Madrid, much damage has already been done by the Junta bombs and shells. The Duke of Alba's palace—Palacio de Liria—recently converted into a Museum and certainly one of the most notable museums of Madrid, was struck by 14 incendiary bombs a few nights ago during a Junta air raid. The Palace has been completely destroyed, but while it was burning Militiamen ran in under peril of their lives and saved some of the artistic treasures there.

It is impossible to know yet what was saved and what was lost. It is believed that the Titians, Rembrandts, and Goyas were for the most part saved.

FAMOUS FRESCOES

It is impossible to say what has happened to the magnificent frescoes in the Hermitage of San Antonio de la Florida. This Chapel is near the North Station, which has been heavily bombed and shelled in the past two weeks.

The famous painter decorated the roof of the Hermitage with frescoes representing St. Anthony preaching and his miracles—full of life and movement, but with a minimum of religious sentiment. These will inevitably have suffered if the Hermitage has been struck. "New York Herald Tribune."

SEADROMES ON AIR ROUTES

The Floating Islands

SPEED AND SAFETY

Link With America

BY CAPTAIN THE RIGHT
HON. F. E. GUEST, M.P.

During the past month attention has once again been called to the seadrome or floating island, which, it is claimed, will allow air communications over the widest landless routes in the world to be established with perfect safety.

The idea is not new. Almost exactly two years ago I elaborated precisely the same project in two special articles for The Observer, which can therefore claim to be the first great newspaper to have seen the possibilities of the floating island.

I then explained how no insuperable technical difficulties were involved in the construction of a platform in mid-ocean possessing complete stability even amid the worst storms, and combining ample landing facilities with huge storage capacity for fueling both aeroplanes and ships.

Stability can be secured by underwater floats, taken down to a depth where no ruffling of the surface produces the slightest effect. The force of surface movements is also minimised by making the pillars on which the platform is supported of a shape calculated to offer the least resistance to the waves, upon the analogy of a streamlined motor car.

PRACTICABLE

The platform is raised to a height well above the crest of the highest waves ever known even in an Atlantic storm, and the whole island is given mobility by equipping it with propellers and rudders. It is hardly necessary to elaborate further the technicalities of the island.

Its construction is perfectly practicable. A large-scale model of what is known as the Armstrong seadrome was tried out some years ago in the waters of Chesapeake Bay, and was stated to have fulfilled all expectations.

The island to which attention is now being drawn by Mr. M. E. Heiser embodies certain differences, but the basic idea appears to be the same. It is, therefore, beyond doubt that any nation or nations which care to spend the money can have the seadromes.

My purpose in this article is not to elaborate further the technicalities of construction which are to be subjected to expert examination, but to point out the economic and political considerations raised by the idea.

THE AIRSHIP

It may be thought that the recent performances of the German trans-Atlantic airships have made the seadrome superfluous. I have myself travelled in the Hindenburg, and was most deeply impressed with her performance. I believe that we should be most foolish to be discouraged for ever by the disasters to our own and to certain other airships.

The cost of a sister airship to the Hindenburg would be about £250,000, and that must be compared with the £3,000,000 which would be the estimated cost of a floating island.

DANISH PRINCESS'S WEDDING

It is announced that the wedding of Princess Alexandrine Louise, the 22-year-old niece of King Christian, and Count Luitpold zu Castell Castell, of Bavaria, will take place on January 22, in the old Royal church near Castle Christiansborg.

It is expected that members of the British Royal Family will be represented at the wedding, which will be followed by a great banquet at Christiansborg.

COUNTRY FOLK USING MORE WATER

A Cleaner Generation

The fact that people in rural areas use more water than in former days, was emphasised recently by Mr. J. H. Coote, at the Public Health Congress in London.

"The standard of cleanliness, both for persons, their clothes, and their houses," he remarked, "is much higher than it was even a few years ago. Consequently, the volume of water per head which satisfied the rude forefathers of the hamlet is insufficient for their grey flannel-trousered, zip-shirted descendants, and rayon needs more frequent washing than pink flannellette."

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For the first time in industrial history, a big manufacturing concern—Burroughs Wellcome and Co., manufacturing chemists—is to be run not for private, or even co-operative, profit, but solely for the endowment of scientific research and the upkeep of scientific institutions.

Sir Henry Dale, Director of the National Institute for Medical Research under the Medical Research Council, and Professor T. R. Elliott, Professor of Medicine in London University, are nominated for the posts of medical trustees.

If the nominations are accepted they will have the responsibility for the scientific direction of the income from not less than £1,000,000 of industrial capital—in all probability substantially more. The scheme is the result of the vision of the late Sir Henry Wellcome.

The business, with its associated undertakings, has almost worldwide interests, and there is no one at the present time who can say what is even the approximate value of the whole undertaking.

LABORATORIES: MUSEUMS

It was in 1924 that Sir Henry formed the Wellcome Foundation to take over, at the same time, the business of Burroughs Wellcome and Co., in London, Montreal, Bombay, and Shanghai, and the Wellcome Research Institution, the latter comprising the various research organisations which bear Sir Henry's name. Now, the whole research organisation, as well as the business behind it, will be placed on a purely altruistic basis. Following are the institutions affected:

The Wellcome Physiological and Clinical Research Laboratories and the Wellcome-Museum of Medical History and of Medical Science—all housed in the Wellcome Foundation building in Euston-road, London.

The Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories at Beckenham.

The Wellcome Entomological Field Laboratories at Esher.

Provision is also made for the publication by the Foundation in permanently useful form of all scientific investigations undertaken. It will be possible for the trustees, at their discretion, to subsidise virtually any form of medical research, independently of the particular laboratories in which it is undertaken.

The other trustees are Mr. G. H. Hudson Lyall and Mr. Lancelot Bullock, solicitors, and Mr. Martin Price, chartered accountant. An important provision of the scheme is that the number of trustees should be permanently retained at five, of whom two will always be men of medical eminence, and two men of business and administrative experience.

RESEARCH WORK

Yellow fever, Rift Valley fever, and cat distemper are three of the diseases on which important work has already been undertaken by the Wellcome Laboratories.

The Wellcome Museum of Medical Science has been described as the first museum capable of conveying the romance of medicine to a lay visitor. It is, however, intended for medical men or individuals with serious medical interests, its object being to bring the whole of medical science together for the instruction of student and specialist alike. A special feature is made of "up-to-the-minute" display and medical references.

The Historical Medical Museum, which represents a strong personal interest of Sir Henry Wellcome, depicts the whole history of medical science, from the technique of the prehistoric operation of "trephining" for the release of demons through a hole in the patient's skull, to the development of modern scientific medicine. This museum, which is now in course of rearrangement, contains many times more material than has hitherto been exhibited.

Sir Henry Dale was, for ten years, director of the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories. A plea for co-ordination to remove the present "chaos" in river control was made by Mr. Alfred Blackburn.

"Is it not a national disgrace," he asked, "that our rivers are more or less open sewers?"

HEROIN HOUSE UNEARTHED

Stiff Impositions

Chinese Revenue Officer
Commended

Lam Lo Luk and a woman Mo Ying, were both brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the possession of 350 ounces of pink mass and 73,290 heroin pills at 39, Queen's Road West, on November 20.

Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. M. J. Abbott, stated that on November 15, at 8.15 a.m., Revenue Officer Grimmer with C. R. O. 107 and a party of men raided 39, Queen's Road West, third floor. They knocked at the door but received no reply.

The party outside distinctly heard the rustling of footsteps in the interior. He also added that they heard more than two or three persons inside the premises. The party then tried to force the door open but it was bolted so tight that they could not move it.

Mr. Grimmer then went out to the verandah of 41, Queen's Road West and climbed through a window at the kitchen of 39, Queen's Road West. When he entered to first cubicle he found no one there so he opened the main door to let the party in.

The cubicle was used for a heroin factory and the odour was very strong.

Ten minutes later C.R.O. 899 came in with the two defendants. The first defendant's hands were tied. Mr. Grimmer told him that the defendant could not be tied and he was untied. As soon as they untied the defendant's hands, he immediately ran away but was arrested again.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Grimmer then proceeded to examine the premises and found the place is a regular opium factory consisting of three cubicles and the windows of all tightly closed.

Mr. Grimmer questioned the two defendants at the place but he could not understand them for they spoke in Shanghai dialect. Mr. Abbott added that Mr. Grimmer discovered later that the door had four bolts: two at the top and two at the bottom.

Hung Yui, C.R.O. 107, was one of the men on Mr. Grimmer's party who raided 39, Queen's Road West, who did a very daring deed. It was alleged that he climbed out the window of the premises and got up to the roof to look down into the kitchen of the second floor. He saw the two defendants being held by two foks at the second floor. The foks were Pang Wing and Tung Lim who resided at 42, Bonham Strand. The two defendants, seeing a policeman approach proceeded to run and was chased by C.R.O. 107.

At the bottom of the steps of 42, Bonham Strand C.R.O. 107 managed to catch the defendants. C.R.O. 107 stated in the witness box that he had a bit of a struggle with the two defendants. A private watchman, while walking along 42, Bonham Strand heard C.R.O. 107 calling for assistance. He went to the scene and helped to arrest the two defendants.

Mr. T. C. Roper Woo police interpreter, read the defendants' statements in Court. The first defendant said that he manufactured the heroin pills at 39, Queen's Road West, third floor, and that he was employed by a man for \$5 per month.

The second defendant's statement was that she worked there as an amah and aside from her job she was to assist in making heroin pills. She was told before she was employed that these red pills were medicine.

The first defendant, making a statement from the dock, stated that he used to be a carpenter and was asked by a man to help in the making of heroin pills. "I had not seen a red pill before. I really thought they were medicine," he concluded.

The second defendant said that she was engaged by some one as an amah. "I came from Shanghai and I did not know the law here. I work for a few dollars a month just for food and clothing."

After Mr. Abbott had asked for a maximum penalty, His Worship sentenced the two defendants to 12 months' imprisonment, with the alternative of a fine of \$2,500 or to serve another 2 months' hard labour.

His Worship commended C.R.O. 107 for his bravery in apprehending the guilty single-handed.

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CHEESE AND GUAVA SANDWICHES

Spread slices of white or brown bread with creamed butter. On half the number of slices put a layer of cream cheese and sprinkle it with chopped or grated nuts. Spread the other slices with guava jelly, and sandwich together. Press lightly, trim neatly, and cut to the desired size.

DAINTY SANDWICHES

Spread thin slices of brown bread and butter with honey, and sprinkle with chopped nuts. Cover each slice with another piece of bread and butter.

Spread slices of white bread and butter with mashed bananas and a little apple jelly and cover.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS

Dissolve some dried chocolate in the smallest possible quantity of hot water and flavour it to taste with vanilla essence. Dip each almond in separately, and place them on an oiled slab or plates to set.

COCONUT KISSES

1 lb. flour.
2 ozs. sugar.
2 ozs. butter.
2 ozs. desiccated coconut.
A little grated lemon rind.
1 teaspoonful baking powder.
1 egg.
A little milk.

Sieve the flour and sugar into a basin, and rub in the butter until free from lumps. Add the coconut, baking powder and lemon rind and mix together. Make a well in the centre of the ingredients, add the egg well beaten and enough milk to make the mixture just moist enough to hold together. Form in

MANDARIN AND MINT JELLY

1 lb mandarin oranges.
1 pint packet of Creme de Menthe jelly.

1 pint of boiling water.
A little cream.
Sugar and flavouring.

Strain the syrup from the Mandarin sections, and put small portions of the fruit into separate glasses, reserving a little for decoration. Cut the jelly in pieces and dissolve it in the boiling water.

Add the juice from the Mandarin sections, and when beginning to set, fill to about three-quarters of each glass. Chill thoroughly, and before serving, put on the top of each a spoonful of whipped cream, which has been sweetened and flavoured, and decorate with mandarin sections.

MACAROONS

1 lb. finely minced almonds.
3 egg whites.
1 lb. castor sugar.
Vanilla or almond flavouring essence.

Blanch the almonds by putting them into cold water and bringing them up to boiling point. Then drain them and skin them. Put them through the mincer twice, then weigh them.

Add the castor sugar to the almonds and rub together until thoroughly incorporated. Then add a few drops of flavouring essence and mix them to a paste with the egg whites as required, the latter only slightly beaten. Line some baking sheets with rice paper and place the mixture on it in small heaps. 1 teaspoonful is sufficient for each macaroon and leave a good space between them. Put a halved blanched almond, a few strips of almond, or a piece of glace cherry, on the top of each macaroon and bake them in a moderate oven. They will probably take 20 minutes.

rough heaps on a tin lined with rice paper or greased paper, dust over with sugar and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.



DRESSING-UP THE TURKEY

It's the sauces and trimmings which help to make the turkey a success. Some people like a parsley stuffing, with sausage meat served separately, but a sausage meat stuffing made as follows is very savoury. Simmer 1 lb. sausage meat in a little water for 20 minutes, then strain off any liquid. Season with a tablespoonful of parsley, two teaspoonfuls of nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Add a cupful of fine breadcrumbs, a little melted dripping, and a beaten egg to bind.

BREAD SAUCE

And there must be room on the plate for a spoonful of bread sauce. This is easy to make.

Soak a heaped cupful of fine breadcrumbs in 1 pint milk for half an hour. Then add 2 peppercorns, 2 cloves, a small chopped onion, salt and pepper and a knob of butter.

Simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent burning. Remove cloves and peppercorns before serving.

GOOSEBERRY FLAVOUR

As a change from cranberry jelly why not copy the country folk and have a piquant flavoured gooseberry sauce?

Rub 1 pint bottled gooseberries through a sieve. Melt a knob of butter in a saucepan, stir in a dessertspoonful of sugar, then pour over the gooseberry juice, adding water if necessary to make the quantity half a pint.

Add a dessertspoonful of sugar and the gooseberry pulp, and boil and stir until the sauce thickens.

HORSE-RADISH SAUCE

The grown-ups will like this hot horse-radish sauce.

Mix together a teaspoonful of grated horse-radish, 1 teaspoonful made mustard, 1 teaspoonful castor sugar, half a cupful each



Points About The Pudding

The Christmas pudding should be steamed and not boiled, as steaming makes it lighter. If several puddings are being made and there are not enough steaming compartments available, an ordinary saucepan can be used, but it is best to stand the pudding-basin on a plate to keep it off the bottom of the saucepan.

Christmas puddings vary a great deal in richness. It is possible to make a plain one, without any eggs or spirits at all, using milk for the liquid. Here is a recipe.

Put into a basin half a pound of flour, half a pound of bread-crumbs, and a pound of finely chopped suet; mix well together. Add three-quarters of a pound of brown sugar, a pound each of sultanas, raisins, and currants, a grated nutmeg, a dessertspoonful of mixed spice, and a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Grate finely a quarter of a pound of candied peel and stir it in also. Mix all these ingredients well before adding the liquid, which should consist of the juice of a lemon and about a breakfastcupful of milk. A little more milk should be necessary, but the mixture should be fairly stiff. Let it stand for a few hours to blend the flavours, then put it into the greased basins, which should not be more than three-quarters full. The greased paper and a pudding-cloth over the top, and steam for six to ten hours, according to the size of the puddings.

If a richer pudding is liked, it should contain plenty of eggs, either ground almonds or chopped blanched almonds, some brandy, and some sherry, rum, or ale. Milk can be substituted for the spirits, but the eggs are essential.

of cream, milk, and vinegar and a shake of the salt and pepper post.

FOOD AND DEFENCE

New Department Set Up

TO WORK WITH SIR T. INSKIP

It was announced recently that Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, has decided to set up within the Board of Trade a department to be known as the Food (Defence) plans Department.

This new department will work in cooperation with the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence as chairman of the sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence on food supplies in time of war, in order to continue and to complete the formulation of plans for the supply, control, and distribution of food and feeding stuffs for defence purposes.

The department will not be directly concerned with home production, the responsibility for which is a matter for the agricultural departments. It is understood that the formation of the new department was one of the matters discussed by the Cabinet at the special meeting which was called at the House of Commons

on Friday, and to which several Ministers were summoned from distant parts of the country.

THE DIRECTOR

The director of the department is Mr. H. L. French, second secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who has been seconded by the Ministry for this purpose.

Mr. French is fifty-three, and was educated at King's College, London. He was appointed to the Board of Agriculture in 1901, and was promoted to the first division eight years later. He was an assistant secretary from 1920 to 1922, in which year he was appointed principal assistant secretary. In 1915 he was secretary to Lord Milner's Commission on the home production of food.

He was joint secretary to Lord Selborne's committee on agricultural policy in 1916 and 1917, and from then until 1919 he was general secretary of the Food Production Department. From 1930 to 1934 he was the representative of the United Kingdom and Canada on the permanent committee of the International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

Last May, the appointment of Sir William Beveridge as chairman of the sub-committee on food supplies for the civil population, appointed by Sir Thomas Inskip, was announced, and Sir Ernest Gowen was seconded to the committee in July.

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BUTTERSCOTCH CAKE

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SWEETER APPLES IN FAVOUR

Increasing Demand For Home Varieties

The heavy importations of apples into this country since the beginning of the century have completely changed the Englishman's idea of a dessert apple.

Mr. H. V. Taylor, of the Ministry of Agriculture, in an address to the British Empire League, pointed out that the apples that were appraised by our forefathers as being the best were the Pearmain, the Non-pareil, the Golden Pippin, Dr. Harvey, the Blenheim Orange and the Ribstone Pippin.

The juice of these were acid and crisp to the palate; they also possessed rich flavours. The less acid, sweet fruits were relegated to second place.

Since 1900, however, the supply of the low acid imported apples had been so plentiful that the palate of the present generation had been stereotyped on a new basis.

Apples similar to the old type were relegated to the class of cooking apples, and this explained why the Allington Pippin and the Blenheim Orange were less popular than formerly.

The imported Winesap, Jonathan, &c., had a much lower acidity, and this seemed to be the standard on which the modern palate had been framed. That might explain the popularity with the present generation of the Worcester Pearmain and Laxton's Superb. It was this type of low acid dessert apple that was now being planted in English orchards.

IMPROVED MARKETING

Apart from Cox's Orange Pippin, the "super-flavour" of which was due to its peculiar juice content, all other popular dessert kinds were low in acid.

The market packages of English growers from 1900 to 1920 were not pleasing to the eye. The fruits were rough and blemished, and small and large appeared in the same basket. These sold at lower rates than the imported, and were accepted as second best, and the man with good wages chose the imported.

Home growers, however, had now

MR. McGOVERN FOR BARCELONA

Mr. John McGovern, M.P. (Independent Labour Party), recently left London for Barcelona accompanied by Mr. John McNair. Mr. Fenner Brockway, General Secretary of the I.L.P., stated that Mr. McGovern is going to investigate the position of the Roman Catholic Church in the Civil War. Mr. McNair will be taking a further statement of the I.L.P. Fund for the Spanish workers.

developed an enthusiasm for efficiency, and had captured a spirit of adventure for attempting to produce apples of market quality coupled with proper systems of grading, packing, and storage.

This policy was already "bearing fruit." Out of every 100 apples eaten in 1924, only 25 were grown in the United Kingdom; 37 were supplied from Empire sources, and 38 from the United States. In 1934, out of every 100 apples, 57 were grown in the United Kingdom, 32 were supplied from Empire sources, and 11 from foreign countries.

HOW TO MAKE MINCE PIES

The success of mince pies depends chiefly on the pastry. For plain mince pies use short pastry; for richer ones, rough puff or puff pastry. Whichever kind is used the pastry should be rolled out to less than a quarter of an inch in thickness, and the rounds should be cut a little larger than the patties so that the pastry will not have to be stretched to fit. Always add a good pinch of salt even for sweet pastry, and never add sugar until the butter has been rubbed in. Use as little liquid to mix as possible, never add any flour after the liquid, and flour the board and rolling-pin only lightly. Roll lightly but rapidly, and never over the edge of the pastry.

A good short pastry is made from half a pound of self-raising flour, a pinch of salt, two ounces of butter, two ounces of lard, an ounce of castor sugar, a little cold water, and the yolk of an egg. Rub the fat into the flour, and sugar, egg, and water to make a stiff paste. Use the white of the egg to give a good finish to the mince pies; whisk it to a stiff froth, brush over pies when they are baked, sprinkle with castor sugar, and put back in the oven for a few minutes.

Rough puff pastry is richer than short crust and not so difficult to make as puff pastry. Use four ounces of butter to half a pound of flour. See that the flour is dry, and

sieve it two or three times. Add the salt, put in the butter, and cut it into pieces into the flour with a knife. The pieces should not be too small. Add half a teaspoonful of lemon juice and a little cold water. Make into a stiff paste with a knife, finishing off with the hands. Roll lightly into a long strip, fold into three; give the pastry a half-turn to the left so that it can be rolled again lengthways into another strip. Repeat this three times, and put the pastry in the coldest place in the house for half an hour before using.

Puff pastry is made in a similar way, but the method is more complicated. When well made, it is well worth the trouble of doing. Use half a pound of butter to half a pound of flour. Have the latter light and dry, and make it into a stiff paste with cold water. The butter should be as cold as possible and patted into a square piece. Roll out the pastry until it is more than twice as big as the piece of butter; put the butter on it, fold over, seal the edges, and roll out gently into a long strip. Fold and turn as for rough puff pastry, but do it seven times altogether, leaving in a cold place between each rolling. Leave in a cool place for some time. This pastry has the advantage that it will keep for some days in a cool place if wrapped in grease-proof paper. It should be baked in a very hot oven.

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Vanity Fair—Overture (Fletcher).
Prairie Flower—March (Ord Hume).
Lynwood—March (Ord Hume).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quotations and Hong Kong exchange market report.
7.35 p.m.—

Light Concert Items.
Soprano Solo—Der Vogel im Wald (The Bird in the Forest). (Taubert). — Elisabeth Schumann.
Pianoforte Solo—Serenade, Op. 5, No. 3 (Rachmaninoff).—Sergei Rachmaninoff.
Bass-Bartitone Solo—The Jolly Roger (Dewar).—Son O mine (Wallace).—Peter Dawson.
Violin Solo—Czardas (Monti).—Yvonne Curt.
Contralto Solo—A brown bird singing (Haydn Wood).—Mary Kay.
Tenor Solo—One day (Hans May).—Regimental Song (Friml).—Derek Oldham.
8 p.m.—Local: Time signal, weather report and announcements.
8.03 p.m.—

A Variety Programme.
Song—Serenade in the night—Webster Booth (Tenor).
Piano Solo—Twenty, to one—Selection—Billy Mayerl.
Song—Swing, Mister Charlie—Judy Garland (13 years old).
Vocal Impressions by Freddy Doan of—A duck entering water—An old Ford car—Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird.
Howling Dog—A train load of cattle—Sounds in an Airport—An Express train—a baby—London Underground—A Chilean.
Organ Solo—Six Hit Medley (No. 5).—Harry Croudson.
Orchestra—The Great Ziegfeld—Selection—Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra.
Song—You're not the kind—Frances Faye.
Hawaiian Guitar Solo—Swanee Mood—Len Filla.
Song—The one rose—Sam Browne (Bartitone).
Yodelling Song—Dan, Dan, the Yodelling Man—Harry Torran.
Clarinet Solo—Memphis Blues—Ern Pettifor.
Orchestra—"Heart's Desire"—Film Selection—Cine Studio Orchestra.
Humorous—Melodrama of the mice—Flotsam and Jetsam.
Violin Solo—Melody at dusk.—Albert Sandler.
9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.20 p.m.—

From the Studio
Christmas Carols by the St. Andrew's Church Choir, Conducted by Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.
9.40 p.m.—

London Palladium Orchestra
Classical Selection (arr. Ewing).
Longing (Haydn Wood).
Everybody's Songs (arr. Geehl).
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Songs of Old
Let's have a Chorus—Columbia Vocal Gem Company.
The Family Song Album—Hughie Green and his Gang.
Alexander's Ragtime Band (Berlin).—Roy Fox and his Band.
Tunes of not-so-long-ago (1922).
New Mayfair Orchestra.
Jerome Kern—Medley—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel.
George Gershwin—Medley—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—

A Christmas Concert
Choral—Ring out, Wild bells (Fletcher). Good King, Wenceslas—The Royal Choral Society.
Soprano Solo—Ave Maria (Ave Regina). (Verdi)—Margherita Petras.
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SIR I. HAMILTON AS KITCHENER'S "GHOST"

Spy-Hunting In First Days Of War

General Sir Ian Hamilton recently revealed a "carefully guarded" secret—how, at the beginning of the War, he acted as Kitchener's "ghost," taking command of the North of England and of Scotland, "with a special eye for spies," and how a central striking force of three armies of Territorials were distributed around London.

Later, elaborating his speech which he made at a dinner of the Royal Naval Division—Sir Ian explained that during the early part of the Great War he acted as Lord Kitchener's deputy and undertook the early organisation of home defences in Lord Kitchener's name.

"After the declaration of war," he said, "there was a meeting of the Cabinet and the military people, which Lord Kitchener attended. The meeting was adjourned for further information from the French, and on August 7 I was asked to take on this job."

KITCHENER'S TRICKS
"I was Commander-in-Chief of the Home Defence forces, but I went off as a mere individual to take command of the North of England."

"That was one of Lord Kitchener's sort of tricks. I went to Edinburgh and I stayed there five days. Later I went on to Glasgow, and looked into Rosyth. I had instructions about keeping an eye open for spies. That referred to Scotland particularly, because the Fleet was at Rosyth."

"Wherever I went I made myself generally useful in Lord Kitchener's name. I was, so to speak, a sort of shadow of K., not so much afterwards, when I settled down in command of the forces, but certainly in the first fortnight. I was supposed to be 'K.' and 'K.' got the credit—or the discredit."

"STEP INTO MY SHOES"
In his speech, Sir Ian told how Kitchener, delegating the duty of "ghosting," said to him:

"I am going to do with you exactly what I did in Pretoria when you first joined me as my chief staff officer. You remember I went away at once on a three weeks' tour of Natal and the Cape Colony whilst you carried on with Major Marker's help in my place, and the less I heard of you the better I was pleased. Now, I want you to step into my shoes again, only the other way about. Leave all your staff here. I'll lend you one clerk from the War Office for cypher work, &c."

"And so it was," said Sir Ian. "Then I came down and began a series of inspections, one of which took me to Betchananger with Winston Churchill. Winston was, and is, about my best friend, but there were loyalties to 'K.' involved and secrets which put me sometimes into the cart. Luckily, the Betchananger inspection was not one of them."

The secret had been "so carefully guarded until now that none of the military or naval biographers or auto-biographers—not even, I believe, the great historian, Archimedes himself—have ever so much as suspected it."

IDEALS OF CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

"Fitness To Live"

Field-Marshal Sir Claude Jacob, Commandant of the Church Lads' Brigade, at the annual Festival dinner recently referred to the Brigade's reorganisation and its separation from the British National Cadet Association.

"They had made a big endeavour," Sir Claude said, "to meet the wishes of the clergy, and especially of the Bishops. They had definitely shaken off all that was of doubtful value to them as a Church organisation so that they might mean exactly what they said when they called their Brigade the Church Lads' Brigade."

"We have abolished khaki; we have given up the use of arms for our drill. We have drawn up a special training scheme which includes drill, physical training and other recreative activities."

Sir Claude "stoutly denied" that the lads of the Church Lads' Brigade were one with less patriotic, less courageous, less likely or less able to stand by their country in her hour of need.

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A ring, which belonged to Flora Macdonald, and contains a lock of Bonnie Prince Charlie's golden hair, was offered for sale by Messrs Lyon and Turnbull, Edinburgh, recently.

The ring, which has the engraving "C. E. S. 1745," has a romantic history.

During Prince Charlie's flight from Scotland, after the 45 Rebellion he spent a night at Kingsborough House, Isle of Skye. While there Flora Macdonald asked him for a lock of his hair, and he placed his head on her lap while she cut it.

The hair was put into a ring, which was left by Flora Macdonald to the Macdonalds of Court Hill, and latterly came into the possession of the Misses Millar, 7 Hermitage Gardens, Edinburgh, who both died at Helesburgh in July of this year.

The Misses Millar, who were descendants of the Macdonalds, were recognised authorities on the Clan Macdonald and the Jacobite Rebellion.

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Wotan's win was remarkable. Six furlongs from the finish it was last, and was actually a turlington behind the leader, but it came from nowhere to win by a head, and gain for its connections over £25,000. It started at 100 to 1.

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LORD AUSTIN'S ROAD SAFETY SUGGESTION

Lord Austin, in an address to Scottish agents in Glasgow on the occasion of the Scottish Motor Show, said he was sure something could be done to reduce the number of people killed and injured on the roads.

"There are far too many accidents," he said, "and I hope you will do all you can to get your

MR. EUSTACE FULTON

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TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Murder By An Aristocrat"

QUEEN'S:—
"Mummy's Boys"

ORIENTAL:—
"Human Cargo"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Too Tough To Kill"

MAJESTIC:—
"The Law In Her Hands"

STAR:—
"Brides Are Like That"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Our Relations"

ORIENTAL:—
"The Poor Little Rich Girl"

ALHAMBRA:—
"Walking On Air"

STAR:—
"The 39 Steps"

MAJESTIC:—
"Things To Come"

"MURDER BY AN ARISTOCRAT"

One of the strangest and most unusual mystery dramas to come to the screen "Murder by an Aristocrat" is being shown to-day at the King's Theatre for the first time locally. Based on one of the most popular novels by Mignon G. G. Eberhart, the picture is packed with thrills and exciting incidents that kept spectators on the edge of their seats with suspense.

There is a talented cast which is headed by Lyle Talbot and Marguerite Churchill in the romantic roles with Claire Dodd again portraying a siren. Miss Churchill's performance is both capable and artistic.

In the role of the siren who is married to one member of an aristocratic family and keeping clandestine love trysts with another, Claire Dodd gives a fine portrayal of a coldly calculating although passionate woman. Gordon Elliott plays the part of her husband and John Eldredge that of her lover, both giving excellent performances.

Virginia Brissac, famous stage star and exceptionally well known on the West Coast, where for years she managed, directed and played in her own companies, is superb as the spinster who is willing to sacrifice her life to save the family honour.

Others who do fine work include Joseph Crehan, Florence Fair, William Davidson, Stuart Holmes, Lottie Williams, Mary Treen, Milton Kibbee and Henry Ocho.

Direction that sustains the suspense throughout the picture was given the production by Frank McDonald. Luci Ward and Roy Chanslor wrote an excellent screen play.

"MUMMY'S BOYS"

Striking out into a brand new field for comedy antics, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey cut their capers under the shadow of the pyramids and riddle the Sphinx with laughs in "Mummy's Boys," their newest RKO Radio vehicle.

Using an Egyptian setting, the two funsters enact the roles of a pair of amateur archaeologists who defy the curse that has already slain ten intruders in the tomb of the Pharaoh Pharaoh. What happens to the archaeologists and their associates keeps this unique offering at top speed.

The story combines an unusually hilarious series of comedy situations with an ingeniously contrived murder mystery—a novel arrangement for the Wheeler-Woolsey pair, but one that pays rich dividends in laughter and entertainment and their performance in this offering shows why they rank as the foremost comedy team on the screen.

Barbara Pepper makes her debut as a Wheeler, and Woolsey leading lady, and she gives a charming portrayal. Frank M. Thomas and Moroni Olsen are excellent as a pair of scientists. Willie Best is a natural for the comic episodes. The supporting players include Francis McDonald, Mitchell Lewis and Frederic Burton.

"Mummy's Boys" an RKO Radio Production, commences its showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

"WALKING ON AIR"

When two ingenious college boys find themselves with nothing between them and starvation but a dry, unappetizing piece of sheepskin, the fun starts in the film "Walking On Air," starring Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern, a RKO Radio Picture, which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre.

This zesty RKO Radio offering presents Miss Sothern as a beautiful spoiled heiress who employs Raymond, playing an impetuous college graduate, to pose as an obnoxious French count and a suitor for her hand. Supposedly he will so insult her father, who opposes the man of her choice, that suitor will look like a fine choice by comparison. Things are further complicated by the fact that the boys' college chum is simultaneously hired by the father of the girl to act as a bodyguard to keep her from eloping.

The production maintains a rapid pace, with countless moments of mad mix-ups and insane escapades to stir the risibilities of any picture-goer.

A highlight is an episode in which Gene interrupts a broadcast, over which he is singing, to appeal to the girl, who is on the way to elope with his rival, while his beefy college pal "holds that line" against all the radio station attendants.

"Walking On Air" is further enlivened by the three songs from the pens of Bert Kalmar, Harry Ruby, and Sid Silvers. "Cabin on The Hilltop," "My Heart Wants to Dance," and "Let's Make a Wish" give Raymond and Miss Sothern excellent chances to use their voices to advantage.

Henry Stephenson, as Miss Sothern's iron-willed father, plays his role to the hilt. And the same can be said for Jessie Ralph, who gives her role of the girl's aunt a wealth of the rich Ralph humour. Gordon Jones, as Raymond's friend blessed with more brains than brawn, demonstrates that he is one of the screen's rapidly-rising young character actors. Rounding out the cast are Alan Curtis, George Meeker, Maxine Jennings, and Anita Colby. Joseph Santley capably directed from the excellent screen play by Bert Kalmar, Harry Ruby, Viola Brothers Shore, and Alan James. Edward Kaufman produced.

SOVEREIGNS' FILM CHANGES

Mr. Osbert Lancaster in his new book, "Our Sovereigns," illustrates his 53 subjects, from Alfred the Great to Edward VIII, with portraits—the earliest a coin showing King Alfred looking like a rather stylized Phil Scott.

He justifies his inclusion of the portraits on the ground that their true features are now undergoing a film change.

With the coming of the cinema, even those kings whose appearance is familiar to all are now in danger of undergoing a slight but subtle metamorphosis.

Thus Henry VIII, already, one gathers, known to the youth of Central Europe solely as "Ein beruhter Filmkönig" has developed a strong likeness to characters so diverse as Rembrandt and Capt. Bugh, and his dominating personality seems likely to merge as completely into that of his skilful impersonator as has L'Aiglon's into the late Sarah Bernhardt's.

In fact, it has become a question of: "Have you seen Henry VIII in the new Charles Laughton film?"

"CURSED BY KISSING AN IDOL"

Woman's Fatal Delusion

Mary Purcell, aged 51, formerly a music teacher, of The Mall, Ealing, who was stated to have suffered from the delusion that she had kissed an idol and was found drowned in a pond known as "The Pile," at Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, was the subject of an inquest which was held in camera, at Aylesbury.

The Coroner (Mr. S. E. Wilkins) made a statement to the Press. He said the woman had been missing from her home at Thame since October 24.

Dr. H. Byles, medical officer at Springfield Mental Hospital, Tooting, who gave evidence, had stated that Miss Purcell had been a voluntary patient there and when she left she was normal.

An open verdict was recorded.

A brother of Miss Purcell gave evidence regarding the delusion from which she was said to have suffered.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Anniversaries and Holidays.—
Fast of Tebeth, Christmas Eve.
The Vigil of Christmas.
Auctions.—Crown Lands, at Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.

Cinemas

King's:—"Murder By An Aristocrat."
Queen's:—"Mummy's Boys."
Central:—"Mutiny On The Bounty."
Oriental:—"The Poor Little Rich Girl."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Walking On Air."
Majestic:—"The Law In Her Hands."
Star:—"The 39 Steps."

Dances.—Health and Strength League Christmas Carnival Ball, at China Fleet Club Theatre.
Entertainments.—"Jack and the Beanstalk," at Y.M.C.A., 5 p.m.
Grand Xmas Variety Entertainment by 1st Band, Royal Ulster Rifles, at Ball Room, Hotel Cecil, 8.00 p.m.

Lectures.—Theosophical Society, 8 p.m.
Miscellaneous.—St. Andrew's Club "Open" Night, 9 p.m.
Religious.—Midnight Mass in all Catholic Churches.
Social.—Cheero Club Bridge and Mah Jong Drive, 8 p.m.

Sports

Football.—Military League, "A", R. W. F. v. 24th (H) Bty, R. A. (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.; 20th (H) Bty, R. A. v. Royal Corps of Signals (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m.; "A", East Lancs v. "D", R. W. F. (Prince Edward Road), 4.15 p.m.; Island Final, "D" R. U. R. v. 9th A. A. Bty, R. A. v. 22nd Coy, R. E. (Sookunpoo), 3.45 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 11th Day.
Sunrise.—7 a.m. Sunset.—5.45 p.m.
Tides.—High at 5.58 and 17.50; Low at 0.22 and 11.01.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Anniversaries and Holidays.—
Christmas Day, Quarter Day.
Accession of Emperor of Japan, 1923. Nativity of Our Lord.

Cinemas

King's:—"Our Relations."
Queen's:—"Mummy's Boys."
Central:—"Mutiny On The Bounty."
Oriental:—"The Poor Little Rich Girl."
World:—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra:—"Walking On Air."
Majestic:—"Things To Come."
Star:—"The 39 Steps."

Miscellaneous.—Prize Distribution at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 2 p.m., followed by Christmas Party.

Religious.—Emmanuel Mission Church Special Christmas Service, 10.30 a.m.

Social.—Cheero Club Christmas Party, 7 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 12th Day.
Sunrise.—7 a.m. Sunset.—5.45 p.m.

Tides.—High at 7.35 and 18.41; Low at 1.29 and 11.53.

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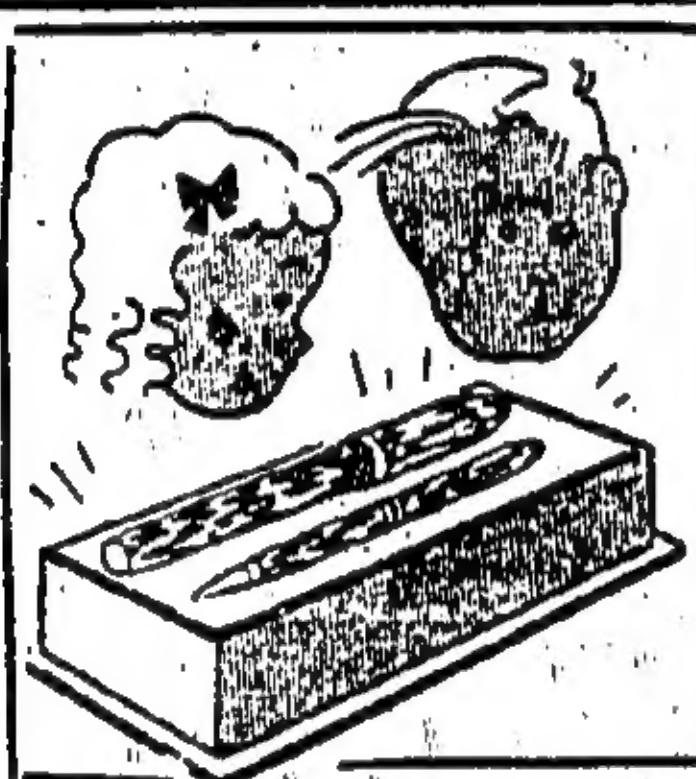
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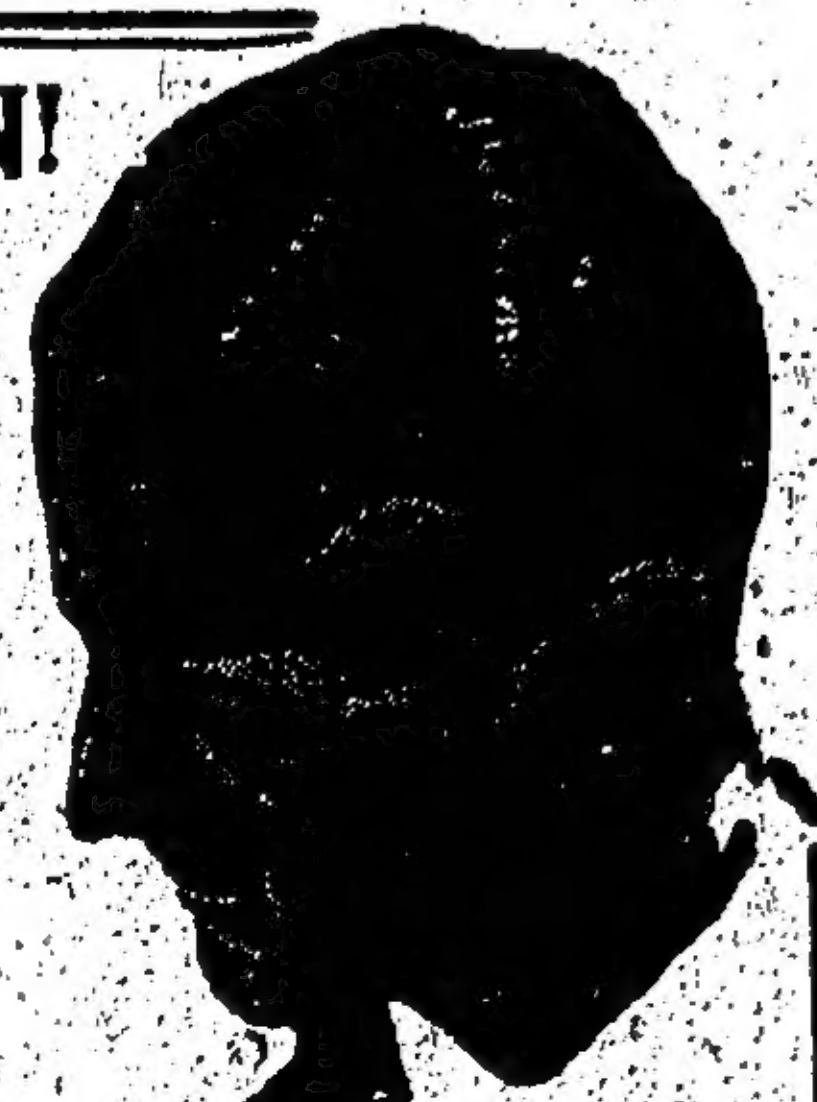
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SIX CHARGES AGAINST GARDNER

Date Fixed For Hearing

After the unique defense by his counsel, Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., which brought about his discharge from the last Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. C. Gardner now faces six other charges of fraudulent conversion of money and fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents were preferred against Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 48, when he appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day, charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$31 given to him by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the purchase of revenue stamps on January 5, 1935.

Appearing for the prosecution, Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, in handing the charges to the Court, said that of the six charges which Gardner now faced, three related to the fraudulent conversion of sums of money, and three to the fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents. He also asked leave to amend the first charge to one for a lesser amount.

Mr. Williams mentioned that, if the prosecution so desired, they could have preferred 200 charges against defendant, but they were content to proceed on six counts only, all relating to the year 1935. Counsel asked that a date be fixed for hearing of the case, and suggested Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29. The hearing would take about two afternoons, he thought.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., for defendant, said he had been instructed that defendant would be very glad to plead guilty before his Worship if his Worship desired to deal with the case himself.

Mr. Williams reminded his Worship that the case was for committal.

Defendant was accordingly remanded until 2.30 p.m. on Monday, December 28, when the hearing will commence.

Salesman Frauds

GAOL SENTENCE IMPOSED

Chan Kin, 32, unemployed, was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday for obtaining \$6.72 by false pretences at 15 Gage Street the house of Tau Kwan.

It was alleged that the defendant tried to sell some oil to the complainant for the sum of \$6.72. The complainant discovered later that the oil was mixed and that it was not worth the money given for it.

A sentence of 2 months' imprisonment was imposed on the defendant.

Labourer Bound Over For Theft

Yiu Kwong, 24, a stall labourer at the Royal Navy Dockyard was bound over in the sum \$50 for a year by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the larceny from the N. S. O. department of the dockyard on December 22.

The complainant was Sub-Inspector White of the Dockyard Police.

Inspector Logan stated that the defendant stole five and a half pounds of brass plates and that they were worth \$1.50.

Defendant: I have been working there for two years.

His Worship: You will lose your job for that! I shall bind you over for a year.

PICKPOCKET GAOLED

Li Cheun, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to serve three months hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for stealing a metal watch with a chain from the person of Leung Fo-shing at Shanghai Street.

Defendant denied the charge against him, and said that he merely picked up the watch which was dropped at his feet.

Inspector B. Shannon stated that defendant was caught in the act of picking the complainant's pocket by a Chinese detective.

Defendant had a previous conviction of receiving stolen property, and had just come out of prison.

TWO ACCUSED OF CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

Case Remanded

Wong Chi alias Wong Fu, was charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with having carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age, and, together with a woman Tam Kung alias Tam Kuk, with having under their control a girl without the consent of her parent.

Inspector Ellis prosecuted while Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the defendants.

The complainant, Ng Kwong Ying, said that on November 5 second defendant told her that she could get her a job in Hong Kong.

They came here together and stayed at 248, Reclamation Street where, later on, the complainant recognised her aunt as one of the tenants.

On that same night complainant was being tampered with, and was threatened with death if she dared to object.

On November 15 the defendants said that they were going to take her to the Portland Theatre to see a show, but on reaching there she found a crowd of about 6 or 7 persons looking at her.

One of the men gave the defendants four \$5 notes and said that they were for deposits, and she heard in the conversation that they had decided to sell her as a prostitute for \$300.

While returning home she heard two women approaching the defendants who said that \$300 was too much.

When they reached the house, a number of people came to visit the defendant and helped him to shut all the windows.

The young girl then excused herself, and slipped away from the house and ran back to tell her aunt the whole story. She then wrote a letter to her father who came to the Colony and reported the incident to the police.

Defendant was then arrested on Market Street.

Dr. Luke of the Kowloon Hospital said that on November 24 he examined the complainant and found that she had not been tampered with recently, and that the girl was not under-developed.

The hearing was adjourned to December 28.

EUROPEAN STOWAWAYS SENTENCED

Experience Ends In Ignominy

Two Russians stowing away on board the R.M.S. Empress of Asia when she sailed from here to Manila on December 18, resulted in their appearance before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning. The men were Vladimik A. Valkovsky, 30, and Valentine V. Shatokhine, 28, both unemployed.

Defendants admitted the charge saying that it was their first and last experience of the kind. They realised the trouble they had caused to the shipping company.

Det. Sergeant Russell stated that defendants came to the Colony on December 18 from Swatow. They left the same day. Defendants' home was in Shanghai. They wished to return there.

Accused were sentenced to two weeks' hard labour each. They will be sent back to Shanghai after the expiration of their prison terms.

Another Bound Over For Larceny

Chan Tak-wing, 22, unemployed, was also bound over for \$50 for a year by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the larceny of one length of cast iron piping.

Inspector Logan said that the piping was kept in the P.W.D. Store and it was there that it was stolen.

His Worship: How did the defendant get in?—The door is always kept open and I suppose the defendant just went in and took it! His Worship asked the defendant whether he could get a job in the village. The defendant answered that he could not as his daughter was married to a man who could hardly support himself.



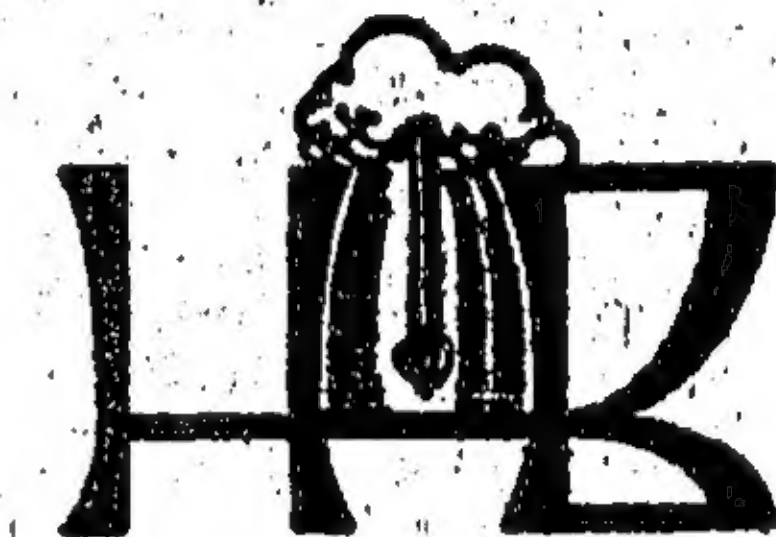
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Mistress Of Unregistered Mui-Tsai Fined

The Bau-ping, 48, a married woman, residing at 5, Ning Yeung Terrace, second floor was fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday for keep-

ing an unregistered mui-tsai in the Colony.

Insp. Fraser said that the mui-tsai was registered in Penang but not in Hong Kong, and that he had received a communication on December 9 stating that the girl had left the Straits as a registered mui-tsai and was on her way to the Colony. The girl had been well-treated and had very little

work to do and Inspector Fraser concluded that he did not wish to press the case.

Defendant had been in the colony for almost two years and her husband was well connected in the Straits.

Defendant said: I do not know the regulations of this Colony.

A fine of \$50 was imposed on the defendant.

GERMAN NAVAL FORCES

Reconstruction Programme

Public Announcement To Be Made Shortly

An official public announcement will shortly be made in regard to the reconstruction of the German war fleet. This announcement will deal mainly with the construction programme of the German navy, which will give further details on the subject, is expected to appear sometime during December. In the publication in question, the German naval leaders will state the present strength of the German war fleet which has recently been placed on the stocks. The construction of the new German navy will be consummated within the framework of the Anglo-German Naval Agreement of June 1935, in which it is stipulated that the future strength of the German fleet as compared with the entire British fleet is to be in the proportion of 35 to 100.

At the conclusion of the German-English Naval Treaty, the British fleet had a total tonnage of approximately 1,200,000 tons. This means that the construction programme of the German navy will be limited to about 420,000 tons. Any further increase in the strength of the British navy will automatically permit a corresponding increase in the German naval construction programme in the proportion of 35 to 100. When the German-English naval agreement came into force in the summer of 1935, the German navy consisted of 21 units with a total tonnage of 75,000 made up as follows:

Three iron-clads of 10,000 tons each ("Graf Spee", "Admiral Scheer", "Deutschland"); six light cruisers of the class of 5,000-6,000 tons each; 12 torpedo-boats of 800 tons each, and a few auxiliary ships. The programme drawn up at the signature of the German-English naval treaty comprised two battleships of 26,000 tons each (the battleship "Scharnhorst" was launched in Wilhelmshaven on October 3 and the "Gneisenau" in Kiel on December 8) besides 18 torpedo-destroyers of 1,625 tons each. For the first time since the war, the construction of submarines was comprised in this programme, some of which are already in service. At that time 28 submarines of 250 tons each, six of 500 tons, and two of 700 tons were announced. This construction programme comprised a total of 48 units with a total tonnage of 107,400 tons.

In 1936, the construction of further ships was commenced. This plan comprised 17 units with a total of about 78,000 tons. In detail, it is planned to construct a battleship of 35,000 tons, an aircraft carrier of 19,000 tons, one heavy cruiser of 10,000 tons, six torpedo boat destroyers of 1,800 tons, four submarines of 250 tons, and four submarines of 500 tons. With the completion of these two programmes, the German navy would have a total tonnage of about 260,000 tons, comprising 88 units. The would then still be about 160,000 tons, behind the quota authorised in the German-English naval agreement for the reconstruction of the German navy, according to the strength of the British fleet at that time.

According to the plans of the German naval leaders and within the framework of the treaty clauses, the remaining tonnage quota of 180,000 tons should be caught up in about six years' time. By that time, the modern German naval forces should comprise altogether: five battleships, three iron-clads of the type, two aircraft-carriers, 14 cruisers, 40 destroyers and torpedo boats and a submarine fleet which, according to the agreement, can reach a strength up to 45 per cent. of the English submarine fleet.

When we consider that the Soviets, after expanding their army and aircraft forces, are now devoting themselves to the systematic and rapid development of their naval armaments, the German fleet construction plans assume an absolutely stabilising importance. It is precisely the Russian naval armaments scheme which is calculated to arouse increasing attention throughout the world. From a numerical standpoint, Russia already possesses at the present time the most powerful submarine fleet, namely 127 complete units with a total tonnage of 70,000.

The construction of battleships by the Soviets has also been extended on a large scale. These

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Touching Ceremony At St. Andrew's Church

The Christmas Tree Funds Service at the St. Andrew's Church yesterday evening turned out to be a very touching ceremony. A service was held outside the Church where a decorated Xmas tree stood. Quite a large gathering attended the service, and many young children brought their generous gifts and laid them beneath the tree.

Rev. J. R. Higgs thanked the children for their presents, and said that he hoped to be able to give a party to the poor, and the clothes to some sampan people later.

FLEET AIR ARM INSPECTION

Commander-In-Chief At Aerodrome

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles J. Little, K.C.B., carried out an inspection of the Fleet Air Arm, (H.M.S. Hermes) this morning on the Kai Tak Aerodrome.

He was accompanied by Squadron-Leader W. A. Dalzell, Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, Wing Commander A. G. Bishop, O.C.E.A.F.C. R.A.F., Group Captain L. C. Keeble, R.A.F. (Hermes) and Flt. Lt. M. C. Dick, R.A.F.

The two squadrons which were inspected and which make up the complement of the Fleet Air Arm were Fighter Squadron 803, under the command of Lieut. Comdr. C. W. Byas, and Spotter Reconnaissance Squadron 824, under the Command of Squadron Leader F. L. Pearce, R.A.F.

FUNERAL OF CUSTOMS OFFICER

Fatally Shot While Performing Duty

The funeral of the late Mr. T. G. Padgett, a British officer with the Chinese Maritime Customs who was fatally shot by smugglers while performing his duty at Lui Chow, near Ho! Fong, took place yesterday afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery. The deceased, whose untimely demise came as a shock to his wide circle of friends had been in the Customs Service for the past 15 years.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Padgett, and their little daughter. Among those who sent wreaths were Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Winyard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dallow, Mrs. Sinclair, and Mr. J. Prettejohn.

Kowloon Tong Anglican Church

There will be a Midnight Choral Eucharist at the Kowloon Tong Anglican Church to-night. The Service begins at 11.30 p.m. and the celebrant and preacher will be the Bishop of Hong Kong.

WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced between Ronald William Denison Danby, assistant, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., residing at 600, P. Cella, Manila, and Frances Mary Black, 2707, Wolfe Street, Calgary, Canada.

new striking forces destined to stir up a world revolution can constitute a fresh menace to the peace of Europe in the not too distant future. The conviction, therefore, prevails in Germany that the naval armaments scheme of the Reich is a powerful obstacle in the way of expansion ambitions as displayed by the trend of Russia politics.

NURSING GRADUATES

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following is the list of successful candidates who passed the examination held by the Nurses Board:

PRELIMINARY

HONOURS
Government Hospitals: — Miss Annie Wah Lee.

PASSED
Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals: — Misses Chan Shuk Hang, Yung Tsot Ngan and Chiong Wai Chan.

Government Hospitals: — Misses Marlam Soon, Lucy Wong, Lena Cheung, Lucy Tang, Nora Chiu and Ella Chan.

Kwong Wah Hospital: — Misses Lee Fung Ying, Cheung Yut Yin, Lam Suk Haan, Tang Yuen Fung, Ip Kam Sing and Chan Yin Ping.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital: — Miss Li Shuk Kuen.

FINAL

PASSED
Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals: — Misses Han Wing Fung, Cheung Poo Lan and Chan Tsui Kwan.

Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital: — Misses Chan Wai Man, Tai Mei Chun and Constance Wong.

Government Hospitals: — Mr. Wong Yu Wing, Miss Doris Layne, Messrs. Yau Lin Sing, Li Chuen Chi, Kwok Yut Wing, Misses Elsie Liu, Edna Mae Wong and Agnes Chan.

Kwong Wah Hospital: — Misses Kwong May Ting, Ng So Fong and Wong Jick Kum.

Tung Wah Hospital: — Misses Wong Teck See, Ngo Chung Yee and Seko Pik.

FUNERAL OF MRS. H.A. DA SILVA

Large Attendance At Graveside

The funeral of the late Mrs. Helena (Nellie) d'Almeida da Silva, who passed away at her residence, 23, Jordan Road, on Tuesday, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, the Rev. Father L. M. Rossi officiated at the graveside.

The chief mourners were the deceased's husband, Mr. A. M. da Silva, Sister Eleanor (a daughter), deceased's sons and nephews. Many friends attended among whom were Messrs. A. J. V. Ribeiro, A. J. C. Rocha, J. M. S. Rosario, A. V. Barros, D. E. Remedios, A. F. Osmond, G. A. Carvalho, C. M. C. Victor, H. A. Barros, D. A. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, P. M. N. da Silva, Jnr., A. Azevedo, G. Rozario, W. Macintosh, N. C. Baretto, C. E. Marques, F. L. Silva, J. Luz, C. I. da Roza, F. J. da Luz, R. F. Luz, F. H. Barnes, C. Cunha, A. S. Gomes, John Braga, R. Daneberg, F. M. P. Graça, A. A. Remedios, J. C. Barros, A. F. Remedios, Dr. J. W. Barnes and Sisters and pupils of the Italian Convent.

Flowers from the sorrowing husband and children were interred with the remains.

Among those who sent floral tributes were Mrs. G. M. Sequeira and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Sage, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Silva, Mr. H. Gittins and son, Messrs. N. Braga, J. V. Braga, P. M. N. da Silva, Jnr., F. C. Chan, J. P. Pazlo, K. K. Tsang, Lai In Min, Mrs. Loureiro, Mrs. L. Assumpcao, and Miss M. Smith; Mrs. A. J. Reed and family, Gloria D'Almeida e Castro, Miss D. M. Cavanagh and Miss V. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, Mrs. L. M. Humphrey, Eric and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Ribeiro, Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Ribeiro and family, L. Osmond, J. Franco, J. Pereira and L. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. da Luz, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Laurel and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Osmond and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Silva and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. da Silva and family. Principal and Pupils of the School of Accountancy and Commerce.

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(THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE.)
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FUNERAL OF A.B. F.G. SMITH

Full Naval Honours Accorded

Full Naval honours were accorded the funeral of Able Seaman Frederick George Smith, of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, which was held at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. The deceased passed away in the China Fleet Club on Tuesday.

The coffin, draped by a Union Jack, was drawn on a gun carriage. The pall bearers were Leading Seamen Davis and Simpson, Able Seamen Thompson, Barrett, Evans, Jones, Driscoll and Ordinary Seaman Fidler.

At 2.30 p.m. the cortege left the Royal Naval Hospital and proceeded along Morrison Gap Road headed by a firing party comprising ratings from the deceased's ship and followed by the Royal Marines Band, also of the Dorsetshire.

Behind the gun carriage walked wreath bearers, officers of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, and detachments of Royal Marines and Naval ratings from the same ship.

Among the officers present were Capt. Murray, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.N., Comdr. Ruck-Keene, Pay-Comdr. Jolley, Engr. Comdr. Ronson, Lt. Cdr. Clarke, Lt. Cdr. Brister, Lt. Christie, Lt. Forbes, Lt. (E) Draper, Sub-Lt. (E) Collins, Cn. Gnr. Scrutton, Wt. Elec. Wright and Wt. Engr. Tucker.

On entering the cemetery grounds, the cortege was headed by Rev. H. W. Brerley, R.N., who conducted the last rites at the graveside.

A bugler from the Royal Marines sounded the Last Post.

Wreaths were sent from the Commodore and Officers H.M.S. Tamar; Captain and Officers, H.M.S. Dorsetshire; Ship's Company, Torpedo Party, Royal Marines, Topmen's Division, Messmates "B" Mess, Chief and Petty Officers, Quartermaster Men and the Forecastlemen, all of H.M.S. Dorsetshire.

COLONY'S HEALTH

There were three cases of diphtheria and two of enteric fever notified to the Health Authorities during the 24 hours ending on December 22.

FERRY EXTENSION

On December 24, 25, 26, and 31, 1936 and January 1 and 2, 1937 the Vehicle Ferry Service will be extended on till 2 a.m. the next morning.

CHOPPER ASSAULT

Tseng Wo, 28, was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for assaulting Siu Yan married woman on December 7.

Detective Sergeant Macpherson said that defendant was a cousin of the complainant, and they lived together in Tai Tin Village. Some years ago defendant gave complainant's husband a ring and since then he had been asking for its return several times without success. About 12.30 p.m. on Dec. 7, defendant again asked for the ring and they quarrelled over it. Complainant joined her husband in the argument and it is alleged that the defendant then picked up a chopper and struck her twice in the neck. He then ran away but was arrested by an Indian constable.

Defendant admitted the charge and was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Camping In The Hills



A bird's-eye view of the 11th Kowloon (Wah Yan) troops' camp in the valley between Diamond and Middle Hills during last week-end.

DEATH OF MAJOR C. WILLSON

Former Hong Kong Magistrate

Major Christopher Willson, O.B.E., R.F.A., a former magistrate in Hong Kong, passed away suddenly on November 20 at Rome, according to an announcement in the London "Morning Post." He was interred at Earl Shilton Church, on November 24.

The late Major Willson was the son of the late Mr. George Willson, of Ramsgate. During his service in the Colony, the late Major Willson was for a time Superintendent of the Prisons and then, became First Clerk and Magistrate following which he was appointed Commissioner of the Shamsham Police, Canton. He retired on pension a few years ago and settled down in New Walk, Leicester.

The news of his death will come as a sad blow to a wide circle of friends in the Colony.

JUDGMENT FOR LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN

Street Accident Sequel

Lord Louis Mountbatten, Adair Park, near Chichester, was sued in the King's Bench Division recently by an actor for damages in respect of personal injuries resulting from his being knocked down by the defendant's car.

The plaintiff was Mr. Ernest Griffin, of St. Albans-road, North Kensington. He and Lord Louis Mountbatten blamed each other.

The case came before Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, who gave judgment for the defendant.

Mr. Elliott Batt, on behalf of Mr. Griffin, said that plaintiff paused to let a motor-cycle go by before he began to cross the entrance to Palace-avenue, Kensington, and had taken one or two steps when he was struck by Lord Louis Mountbatten's car. Most of Mr. Griffin's injuries were to the head. He had been unable to work as an actor since, and had lost a chance to tour with a company playing "Chu Chin Chow."

Mr. N. L. Macaskie, K.C., appearing for Lord Louis Mountbatten, suggested that Lord Louis started from a stationary position in the road, and sounded his hooter four or five times.

"Probably he sounded the hooter," said Mr. Griffin, "but I could not hear it because of the noise of the motor-cycle."

Lord Louis Mountbatten in evidence said: "I did not start moving towards the entrance of Palace-avenue until I felt satisfied that Mr. Griffin was not out to cross. He gave no indication of intending to cross."

"After the front of the car had entered the gates Mr. Griffin suddenly took a step forward. 'I braked as hard as I could,' Lord Louis added, 'and felt a slight concussion. The plaintiff was knocked over.'"

"It is a pure question of fact," said Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, giving judgment, "and I cannot help thinking that people are apt to lose sight of the fact that pedestrians have got some duties. One of their duties is to keep just as good a look-out as anybody else."

Mr. Macaskie said he was instructed that Lord Louis Mountbatten would not ask for costs, and was prepared still to make the same offer as he made to Mr. Griffin, without prejudice, immediately after the accident.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord: Very good.

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Notice is hereby given that a creditor's petition was filed here-in on the 21st day of December, 1936, and that an Interim Receiving Order was made thereon on the 22nd day of December, 1936, and the Official Receiver was appointed Interim Receiver of the above named debtor.

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Dated this 24th day of December, 1936.

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Official Receiver.

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THE FANLING HUNT
AND RACE CLUB.

The Christmas Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Kwai Race Course on Saturday, 26th December, 1936, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Additional coaches will be attached to the 12.12 p.m. and 1.25 p.m. trains to Fanling, and the 6.39 p.m. train to Kowloon. Tickets at \$2.— include admission to the Public Enclosure, and may be purchased at the Kowloon Railway Station.

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AND NOW, "GOLFER'S
SHOULDER"

The well-known condition of tennis-elbow has apparently found a counterpart in a condition described by a correspondent in the current issue of the "Lancet" as "golfer's shoulder."

The chief characteristic sign is pain in the left arm on the outer side just below the shoulder joint. There are two varieties of pain. One is spontaneous, occurs without reason, and may disappear for several days.

When present it is in the form of an aching and stiffness when the arm is raised at right angles to the body.

The other pain is constant and unvarying, provoked by pressure on the area where the muscle covering the shoulder (the deltoid muscle) is attached to the bone of the upper arm. The rest of the muscle can be touched without producing pain and there is neither wasting nor increase in size of the muscle.

The pain may be compared with that of tennis-elbow, and is very

DEATH

WILLSON.—On November 20, 1936, suddenly, Christopher Willson, O.B.E., Major, R.F.A., of New Walk, Leicester, and son of the late George Willson, of Ramsgate. (Canton papers please copy).

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THE WORLD'S
A BUBBLE

Dr. Hubble has been looking into his great telescope at the Mount Wilson Observatory in California and has seen red. The lectures which Oxford has just been privileged to hear from his lips, thanks to the Rhodes Trustees, may not have been wholly understood of the people. When he spoke so persistently of "red shifts," many of his hearers, treading the older ways of learning and addicted to archaic forms of language, may have thought he meant those "red shifts" which are now causing Parliament concern. If so, their wandering thoughts will have been instantly recalled by his occasional flights into mathematics, and they will have realized that what he was saying amounted to this—that, when light from a distant nebula is split up in a spectroscopic, the different colours all appear to have suffered a shift towards the red end of the spectrum compared with light received from the sun. Apparently all the distant nebulae have joined in this "red front." Now on accepted scientific principles this ought to mean that the distant nebulae are all rushing away from us, some at barely credible speeds. Just as the whistle of a train going away from us sounds lower than it would do if the train were approaching, so light from a star or nebula moving away from us suffers this "red shift." And, if all the distant nebulae are rushing away from us at express speeds, the astronomer, not being in general a philosophically minded man, says the universe is expanding.

This is not a new conception. Although the temptation to think so is almost irresistible, it was not Dr. Hubble who said the world's a bubble, but Lord Bacon. But the bubble theory of the universe—the theory of a universe which is continually expanding and will one day burst—is only one of many. There is the fireworks theory, according to which the world began with a big bang and our earth is merely a fragment. There is the concertina theory, according to which the universe is alternately expanding and contracting. But on the whole it seems that if the universe is playing tricks of this sort it is of the "ever-expanding" type, though the rate of expansion is slowing down. Some day, all the distant nebulae will disappear from sight, and even from reach of the most powerful telescopes; so let us take a good look at them while we may, especially when the guide is the leading astronomer of America.

probably due to strain on the deltoid muscle when swinging the club. The pain is not increased by play.

The trouble is a mild one, and it was found that daily mild massage and injections at the painful spot appeared to relieve the pain.

BRITISH QUEST
FOR SECURITYItaly's Attitude In
Mediterranean

London, Dec. 22. Enquiries in well-informed quarters in London indicate that the forecasts in circulation of an early conclusion to discussions proceeding in Rome on British and Italian interests in the Mediterranean, are premature rather than unduly optimistic.

It is believed progress is regarded on both sides as satisfactory, but there is no intention of importing hurry into the negotiations, which by their very nature demand careful and comprehensive review of a great variety of factors.

The basis of the conversations is the mutual assumption that the interests of the two Governments in the Mediterranean are complementary and of formal reaffirmation of that thesis is to possess real value, it must follow a close examination by both parties, in a spirit of good will, of all possible sources of misunderstanding or friction.

Both in the Eastern and Western Mediterranean recent developments have certainly not lessened the number of points on which the British Government will desire to feel assured it has been acquainted with the whole mind of the Italian Government. Only when such a process has been exhaustively applied to all questions in the discussion will it be possible to give substance and finality to a declaration which both in London and in Rome it is confidently expected will be the outcome of the present exchange, and which there is a strong desire to see accomplished as an important contribution to European appeasement.

British Wireless

SINO-GERMAN
AGREEMENTDelivery Of Railway
Materials

Berlin, Dec. 22. Commenting on the agreement reached between a group of German firms and the Chinese railway ministry for the delivery of materials valued at 40 million Chinese Dollars on a 6 years' credit, the German press describes this as a new confirmation of the valuable cooperation between German firms with the Chinese government. In this connection the "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" points out that the Chinese railway minister, Mr. Chang Kia Ngon, who signed the agreement, already did much useful service for the economic reconstruction of his country when he was Director General of the Bank of China.

Chang Kia Ngon, says the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," is a financial authority of international reputation. In his capacity as director general of the German-China Investigation Society as long ago as 1930 that German firms should cooperate with the Chinese Government in financing and carrying out the technical part of the reconstruction of the Chinese economical life, especially the railways. This resulted in the construction of the Yushan-Nanchang Railway line opened last January, by a German group headed by Otto Wolf.

The new agreement provides for the extension of this line to the border of Hunan, the construction of a new line from Chuchow to Kweiyang, linking up with the Kiangsi line, and the rebuilding of the bridge over the Yellow River on the Hankow-Peking line.

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FOREIGN TRAVEL
RESTRICTIONS

Berlin, Dec. 22. Able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 years may leave the country in future for journeys to foreign countries only with the permission of the military authorities according to a decree just announced by the Reichsminister of the Interior.

Compulsory military service and labour service is given as grounds for the decree. In case of journeys to foreign countries for the purpose of representing Germany in sporting contests the permission will be granted upon presentation of the authorization by the sporting authorities.

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THE BETTER WAY

Mr. Eden On Ideals
Of FreedomASSURANCE TO
BELGIUM

The Prime Minister of Belgium, M. Paul van Zeeland, was entertained at luncheon recently at the Savoy Hotel by the British National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce, with the work of which he was formerly associated. Lord Luke presided, and the guests, numbering nearly 500, included Mr. Eden (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Runciman, Dr. E. L. Buigin, Maj. Tryon, and other Government representatives; Mr. Attlee, M.P., and Lord Snell; the Belgian Ambassador and members of his staff; M. Georges Theunis, a former Belgian Prime Minister; and M. Baels, Governor of Western Flanders.

Proposing "The Friendship of Nations," Mr. Eden said that the first aim of the British Government's foreign policy was the establishment of peace and understanding among the nations. The aim of the International Chamber of Commerce was to promote and facilitate the profitable interchange of goods and services between nations. They were thus natural collaborators. Could they only achieve freer trade, freer thought across the frontiers of Europe, they would have secured an incalculable gain for peace.

Belgium had a special place in the friendship of the British people. In many respects the outlook of the two countries on world affairs was similar. Both were democracies, proud of their traditions and their freedom, which they would not yield up. Most of those present belonged to a generation which took an active part in the struggle for those principles in which the two countries jointly believed. They had no more sacred trust than to ensure that the cause for which hundreds of thousands of their people were sacrificed was not lost.

CHOICE FOR THE NATIONS.

I believe (said Mr. Eden) that there can be no greater service by our country to the cause of peace than clarity. Let me therefore, on this Anglo-Belgian occasion, once again affirm that the independence and integrity of Belgium is a vital interest for this nation, and that Belgium could count upon our help were she ever the victim of unprovoked aggression. (Cheers.) I say these words deliberately, because I am confident that they represent the will of the British people, and that to make this plain is a contribution to peace. Our two countries share the same conceptions of international order: a renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy; a willingness to settle disputes by peaceful means; the acceptance of certain agreed canons of international law. But let there be no mistake, these conceptions are tokens neither of softness nor of cowardice. We believe them to be tokens of civilization. The nations must choose. If they determine to return to the arbitrament of the sword it will be found that the terrible weapons that science has forged can be wielded with no mean courage by peoples who love their freedom, both individual and national, and intend to preserve it. But the cost must be heavy indeed. In this respect there should be no excuse for a repetition of the erroneous estimates of the past.

We had to-day (he continued) a supreme advantage over 1914—the experience of the War years behind us. The statement of the world must know the nemesis that awaited them and their countries if war were ever again loosed upon the earth. The alternative was surely a universal realization that the arbitrament of brute force belonged to the animal creation, and that the whole effort of civilization should be to raise ourselves above the level of the beasts. Surely mankind would choose this better way. Ending with a tribute to M. van Zeeland, Mr. Eden said that Belgium owed much to her Prime Minister, and Europe scarcely less.

M. van Zeeland, who was enthusiastically received, replied in English. He said that the economic crisis had left behind it profound, and probably permanent, changes in economic conditions, and grave problems remained to be solved, but a substantial measure of economic recovery had already taken place in a number of countries. If they could only build with the conviction that, at least

for one generation, the world was assured of peace, conditions would rapidly change, and the solution of many social problems be easy. Belgium, economically, had appeared to be in a particularly unfavourable position, yet to-day she had a balanced budget, a programme of reduced taxation, Government securities at a premium, a Treasury with ample cash reserves, and a firmly stabilized currency. Was this not proof that in a civilization and with a regime such as theirs there remained a vitality which warranted the hope of recovery?

None would deny the possibility of war, when countries existed where dynamic political forces were in conflict with irritating economic difficulties. Certain great Powers which had not yet shaken off the burden of the depression could find a solution of their difficulties. It would seem, in the wake of a powerful international movement which would second their own efforts. Attempts at international economic co-operation had failed in the past, but that was no reason for throwing up the sponge. The International Chamber of Commerce had a great part to play immediately in preparing public opinion for Government action.

HONG KONG RIFLE
ASSOCIATIONMid-Week Spoon And
Practice Shoot

CLUBHOUSE IN USE

The ordinary Spoon and Practice Shoot was held yesterday afternoon on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City, when in spite of units moving to and from camp and certain Christmas functions, nearly fifty members were on the firing-points.

The weather was dull and cool, and the variable light and wind made matters difficult for many of the competitors, as the scores below adequately testify. The distances fired at were 300, 500 and 600 yards, in preparation for the Inter-Colonial Match which takes place next week, and as shown below, the winners of the net and handicap spoons in the S.R. (b) Class were S.I.M. Hill and Rtn. T. Managh respectively, both of the 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles, while the winner of the handicap spoon in the S.R. (a) Class was Cpl. Watson also of the same unit. At the conclusion of the shoot, those taking part were the guests of the Honorary Secretary at tea in the new Clubhouse.

Full advantage was taken yesterday of the various facilities now existing in the Clubhouse and members appeared to be extremely pleased with their new "home." Two facilities which were available for use for the first time appeared to be exceptionally popular, the first being the Cleaning Room where a rifle can be cleaned, or examined, in comfort, and secondly, the shower bath accommodation which will be in great demand when the hot weather sets in. Another feature which was also favourably commented upon was the provision of the lock-up lockers in which members can stock their shooting gear during the periods intervening between the shoots. In the same way, the means which now exist for the issue of tickets before the shoot from the Honorary Secretary's office met with the approval of all concerned, as this office adjoins the Cleaning Room, so that a competitor arriving on the range, first

cleans his rifle, and is then issued with a ticket from the room adjoining, before proceeding to the firing-point. Similarly, at the conclusion of the shoot, the ticket is returned to the office, by the competitor who is on his way to the Cleaning Room again.

Members are reminded of the "Wapenschaw" shoot to be held on Boxing Day at Stonecutters, and the Christmas dinner which will follow in the Association's Clubhouse. Names can be received by the Honorary Secretary up to noon to-day (Thursday).

The leading scores made yesterday afternoon are as follows:—

S.R. (b)
A.H. 300 600 600 Ttl.
yds. yds. yds.

S.I.M. Hill 32 32 34 98
E.R.A. Haynes ... 1 33 33 31 97
C.P.O. Fellow ... 1 32 34 31 97
Cpl. Stewart ... 2 32 32 32 96
E.R.A. Seymour 3 35 31 30 95
Sgt. Blandford ... 32 33 30 95
A.B. Bowerman ... 31 31 32 94
Lieut. E. D. D.

Wilson 2 32 30 32 94
Lieut. J. D.

Fattullo 1 33 31 30 94
C.Q.M.S.

Wallace 4 31 31 31 93
Lt. Ratcliffe ... 30 33 30 93
Cpl. Charan

Singh 5 28 33 31 92
Sig. Edward ... 4 31 31 30 92
Rtn. T. Managh 6 33 30 28 91
Lt. Sequeira ... 2 31 28 31 90

All the above competitors used the "1914" rifle.

S.R. (a)
Cpl. J. Watson 6 30 32 30 92
Lt. Jenks ... 6 24 30 31 85
P.C. B347

S. Singh 8 29 28 27 84
A.H.—As'n Handicap.

—Denotes the winner of the net spoon.

—Denotes the winner of the net handicap spoon.

NOTE.—The handicap of each winner has been reduced by one point, as shown. This procedure applies to both S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) Spoon Shoots.

KOMSOMOL SINKING
INDIGNATION

Moscow, Dec. 22.

While authoritative quarters remain silent concerning action contemplated over the alleged sinking of the Soviet steamer Komsomol by Spanish insurgent forces, the storm of protest and anger among the public is growing.

Moscow workers have passed a resolution demanding that the Government should despatch "warships to protect our trade ships." "Baltic and Black Sea sailors" organisations have appealed to the world seamen to "raise a mighty wave of protest against the bestialities of Fascist bandits."

The workers at Kharkov have started a public fund to build five cruisers and ten merchant ships.

Reuter.

TROTSKY ON WAY
TO MEXICO

Oslo, Dec. 23.

M. Leon Trotsky, the Russian revolutionary leader, banished by the faction at present in power, is already on his way to Mexico.

He has boarded a steamer, whose name is not disclosed, which sailed Saturday.

Reuter.

ROME-ADDIS ABABA
AIR SERVICE

Rome, Dec. 22.

Preparatory arrangements for a regular passenger and mail service by air between Rome and Addis Ababa have now been completed, it is officially announced. The planes will fly regularly in each direction three weekly.

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point at which some of its features might be unhealthy, carrying in them the too rapid birth of a new depression. The obvious immediate antidote was to bring international trade into play, and to allow the influence of world prices to moderate excessive rises in domestic prices.

EVACUATION
PLANS FOR
AIR RAIDSHOW WARNINGS WILL
BE GIVENRailways To Help
Government

Government plans for voluntary, organised evacuation of danger areas in the event of an air raid were mentioned by Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, of the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office, in an address recently to the Public Health Congress at the Royal Agricultural Hall.

The proposals, he said, were being worked out with the railway companies and outside authorities. Wing Commander Steele-Perkins revealed that he had visited 9,000 slum houses in London to investigate the problem of gas-proofing, and said: "There are thousands of houses which cannot, under any conditions, be made gas-proof."

By the use of a warning system all this country would know in seven or ten minutes after the raiders had passed the coast.

The Home Office hoped to let local authorities have information of a strained diplomatic situation, and on receipt of orders to this effect, the authorities would have to put their organisations into operation.

They did not expect local authorities to build gas-proof shelters throughout the country. "It is the householder's responsibility, as it is the factories' responsibility, to provide gas-proof rooms for those people who might be on the premises or resident in private houses."

"There will be some people caught in the streets, but I cannot see anybody refusing to allow people to come into their houses during an air raid."

GAS MASK DISTRIBUTION

Every inhabitant would get a respirator free of cost issued prior to an emergency. "He won't get it to-day or to-morrow. We don't want little boys playing Guy Fawkes with them."

The Government were setting up depots throughout the country where respirators would be stored, and the question of distribution was being worked out.

During the discussion, Mr. Longbottom, Halifax, said that the Home Office should review the question of throwing on the shoulders of the householder the liability of gas-proof shelters. He suggested that the Home Office or the Government was deliberately "shirking the issue."

FRANCO-TURKISH
NEGOTIATIONS

Paris, Dec. 22.

The Franco-Turkish negotiations on the future status of Sandjak and Alexandrette which began in Geneva and were continued by Paris, have been discontinued without any definite decision having been reached. The French foreign office announced on Tuesday evening that discussions during the last two days between a member of the Turkish delegation and French representatives did not lead to any agreement. Both sides are now considering the possibility of negotiations along diplomatic lines at the next meeting of the League of Nations council.

Transocean News Service.

REICH SPORTFIELD

Berlin, Dec. 22.

On the occasion of the publication of the book describing the construction of the Reich Sportfield, State Secretary Funtner informed pressmen that the total expenditure for the field, which was the scene of the Olympic Games, was divided between the State, the city of Berlin, the German Railways, Postoffice and Radio, and amounted to 50 million marks, of which 40 million were spent on the buildings themselves.

Transocean News Service.

BISHOP'S LOST
DESPATCH CASE

The Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Nugent Hicks) left his despatch case in a taxi cab recently. It is the one he had when Bishop of Gibraltar, and still has that name on the lid. It contained important papers and diaries recording his engagements to the end of next year.

SIANFU REVOLT PUZZLE NEITHER STALEMATE NOR SETTLEMENT

Situation Shrouded By Silence

CHIANG STILL DETAINED

Nanking, December 23.
A perplexing situation exists in connection with the Sianfu revolt as the situation can neither be described as stalemate nor has any prospects of an early settlement materialised. On one hand military operations continue, and on the other, though the negotiations are very busy, nothing of a concrete nature has evolved.

Since the receipt of a telegram announcing the arrival of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. W. H. Donald at Sianfu yesterday afternoon, no further message has been received.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek is expected to stay at Sianfu for some time, but Mr. T. V. Soong will take frequent air trips back and forth between Sianfu and Nanking.

It is generally feared that the situation may drag into a protracted affair.

In the meanwhile the Generalissimo has not realised his hopes of being allowed to return to Nanking, and it is in the direction of liberating him that all efforts are directed.—
Reuter.

NO NEWS FROM SIANFU

Punitive Expedition Closing In

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Silence reigns over Sianfu and the situation there, and no direct news from that quarter has been received during the past 24 hours.

In the meantime, although Madame Chiang Kai-shek is with her husband, Mr. T. V. Soong, and Mr. W. H. Donald, adviser to the Marshal, the encirclement of the city of Sianfu continues apace. The Central Government troops are rapidly closing in.

The vanguards of the punitive expedition are advancing on Weinan. Here the rebels are being heavily reinforced and an attempt is apparently to be made to check the progress of the Government forces.—
Reuter.

ANOTHER HELPER

Peking, Dec. 23.
General Fu Tso-yi has telegraphed to Nanking that he is proceeding to Suiyuan to attempt to release Marshal Chiang.

He is first travelling to Taiyuan-fu to confer with General Yen Shih-shan on the problem.—
Reuter.

WANG CHING WEI RETURNING

Genoa, Dec. 22.
Early this morning, Dr. Wang Ching-wei, former Foreign Minister of China, was aboard the German liner Potsdam racing for his native land to bear a part in the crisis which has arisen since the kidnapping of the noted leader, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

He was responding to an appeal from the Nanking Government when he boarded ship last night and sailed for Shanghai.

Just before he left, Dr. Wang stated that China's struggle against internal trouble and external menace depended for success on the leadership of Marshal Chiang. They should therefore do their utmost to secure the early restoration of his freedom.

He added that on his return to China he would lend himself to the effort to steer the country through the present crisis.—
Reuter.

SABOTAGE TRIAL IN MOSCOW

High Railway Officials Involved

Moscow, Dec. 23.
Another sabotage trial opened here when four high railway officials, including Vladimir Ryabokon, former Minister of Railways in the Ukrainian Government, was charged with wrecking and sabotage, resulting in serious breakdowns on the Soviet Railways.—
Reuter.

SUIYUAN BANDIT SUPPRESSION

Military Measures To Continue

Nanking, Dec. 23.
General Ho Ying-ching, Minister of War and concurrently member of the standing Committee of the Military Affairs Commission in charge of military movements during the absence of General Chiang Kai-shek in Sian, has telegraphed his orders to Suiyuan requesting them to carry on with the bandit-suppression campaign there.

As a result of the order, all of the high officers who had gathered at Kweihua to discuss the Sian situation were leaving the provincial capital for their respective fronts. While it is not expected that they would take the offensive along the northern and eastern fronts, they are determined to hold their present lines.

Despite the sensational reports from Sian, Shanghai Chinese are continuing to give generously to encourage the soldiers at the front. The "Shun Pao" yesterday received more than \$2,000 while the "Ta Kung Pao" receipts totalled \$734, bringing the total to \$140,000. Daily remittances to Kweihua continued yesterday.—
Union News.

TEMPORARY LULL

Kweihua, Dec. 23.
A temporary lull prevailed on the Suiyuan front yesterday.

The Sian mutiny, while creating some indignation among the rank and file of the Government soldiers, has not caused any adverse effect on the morale of the defenders.

Gen. Fu Tso-yi, Chairman of the Suiyuan Provincial Government, accompanied by Generals Chao Chen-shou and Wang Ching-kuo, army commanders, yesterday proceeded to Pailinmiao to review his forces. Generals Chang Henshou and Tang En-pao remained at the front yesterday personally directing the defence.

Amid unprecedented enthusiasm on the part of the local populace, a city wide air defence drill was launched in Kweihua yesterday. The event marked the beginning of an air defence publicity week sponsored by the provincial government.—
Union News.

NEW FLYING BOAT IN SERVICE

London, Dec. 22.
One of the arrivals expected at Southampton to-day is the Imperial Airways new airliner, Caldonio.

She is the latest type of long distance machine, constructed specially for the proposed Atlantic service.

The machine flew yesterday from Alexandria to Marseilles, non-stop, taking 11½ hours for the voyage.

She is flying direct to Southampton from Marseilles.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

HALF TON OF MAIL

London, Dec. 22.
Imperial Airways' new long-range Empire flying-boat left Southampton on Friday for Egypt and returned to Southampton from Alexandria to-day, having covered the single journey of 2,200 miles in two days. She brought in half a ton of mail. The only halt on the homeward flight was at Marseilles.—
British Wireless.

OIL SEARCH IN YORKSHIRE

London, Dec. 22.
Extensive drilling for oil is to begin next March in Yorkshire following geological investigations over the entire region. The Darcy Exploration Company, which is controlled by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, has gained a concession over a tract of 1,500 square miles, and intends to develop the oil fields there.—
Transocean News Service.

NO RECEPTION IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 23.
The usual New Year reception of the diplomatic corps in the Quirinal by King Victor Emmanuel will not be held this year on account of difficulties regarding the new title of "Emperor of Abyssinia" assumed by the King of Italy.—
Transocean News Service.

NO SCRAPPING OF CRUISERS

Britain To Retain Five Old Ships

London, Dec. 22.
In accordance with an announcement made in the House of Commons last Thursday by the First Lord of the Admiralty, formal notification has now been conveyed to the United States and Japanese Embassies in London of the intention of the United Kingdom Government in view of the existing international situation security, to have recourse to Article XXI of the London Naval Treaty in order to retain five cruisers of sub-category B.

The cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff, Ceres, Caledon, Calypso and Caradoc. The total of excess tonnage is 20,370. It is understood His Majesty's Government has undertaken the vessels will be retained for a maximum period of five years peace service and will be used not as cruisers but as anti-aircraft ships, which will involve substitution of lighter for existing armament of six-inch guns.

When Sir Samuel Hoare made his Commons announcement last week, he informed the House that the United States Government had already intimated it would raise no objection to the course proposed. He added that although no final answer had yet been received from Tokyo there was reason to believe the Japanese Government also would not object. The Japanese reply, which has since been received, was in the favourable terms anti-clipped.—
British Wireless.

BROADCAST FROM VATICAN

Rome, Dec. 22.
His Holiness the Pope will broadcast Christmas Eve over 19.84 metres, speaking in Italian, and translations will follow in other languages, including English. The exact times for his broadcast have not yet been fixed.

When his Holiness broadcasts his physician, Dr. Milani, will stand at his bedside, ready to give aid if necessary. Pope Pius is expected to spend about half an hour propped up with pillows.

Cardinal Pacelli will also be at his bedside. His Holiness, although it is expected he will remain in bed, for another three or four weeks, will receive Cardinal Pacelli and other visitors daily.—
Reuter.

ROYALTY CHEERED BY CROWDS

London, Dec. 22.
Large crowds gathered at King's Cross to-day and cheered the King and Queen, who, accompanied by their daughters Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose, and by Queen Mary, left in a Royal train en route for Sandringham, where they are spending the Christmas.

Earlier to-day, the Queen visited Buckingham Palace for the first time since King George's accession. She drove to the Palace with the King and remained there for about an hour, before returning to 145 Piccadilly.—
British Wireless.

BELGIAN DIPLOMAT DISAPPEARS

London, Dec. 22.
The first secretary of the Belgian embassy at Madrid, Baron de Borchgrave, has disappeared in mysterious circumstances, according to reports received here. On Sunday he left the embassy in order to inspect the district of Tetuan which had been badly damaged by bombs, and has not been heard of since.—
Transocean News Service.

FREEMASONRY IN SWITZERLAND

Berne, Dec. 22.
The Swiss National Council discussed on Tuesday a proposal for holding a plebiscite on the question of prohibiting free-masonry in Switzerland. The Federal Council resolved to request the parliament to submit a motion to the nation to vote, but added the recommendation that the proposed prohibition be rejected.—
Transocean News Service.

ANNEXATION OF ABYSSINIA

France Discusses Recognition

Paris, Dec. 22.
Now that the Italian annexation of Abyssinia has been recognized de facto by the French government by a decision to convert the legation into a Consulate General there is a strong movement in political circles for formal de jure recognition of Italy's jurisdiction in Abyssinia and the reception of Italy again into the circle of active League of Nations powers. The possibility is even being considered of convoking an extraordinary league assembly for January in order not to have to wait until September before the de jure recognition can be given.

This sudden change of the Blum government in its attitude towards the Abyssinian question is subject to much discussion and it is assumed that the main reason is the French government's desire to re-establish a cooperation between France and Italy.

"Intransigent" goes so far as to suggest a triple entente between France, England and Italy, declaring that this new Stressa front would be stronger and more durable than the last one when Italy still belonged to the group of dissatisfied nations and England, in contradiction to today, still clung fast to the belief in isolation and disarmament.— Transocean News Service.

CHILEAN ATTITUDE

Rome, Dec. 22.
The ambassador from Chile presented credentials to King Victor Emmanuel on Tuesday. The credentials addressed to the "King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia" indicate that the Chilean government has recognized the Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia.—
Transocean News Service.

RAS KASSA'S SONS EXECUTED

Rome, Dec. 22.
Two further sons of Ras Kassa have been captured by Italian troops in the course of "cleaning up" actions in the province of Sheba in West Abyssinia. The two prisoners who had stubbornly opposed the Italians till the last were publicly executed. The same fate befell the other son of Ras Kassa who was captured some days ago.—
Transocean News Service.

Ras Kassa's two sons only surviving members of the family of the gallant Ethiopian chief, were captured by an Italian police column and later executed in the public square at Addis Ababa to-day.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

SIR MILES LAMPSON TO BE AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 22.
Sir Miles Lampson, following the successful conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, has been appointed Ambassador at Cairo. This announcement was made with the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, and the former High Commissioner will take post to-morrow.

Sir Miles was Ambassador to China for some years.—
Reuter.

BRITISH GUARDS WITHDRAWN

Changed Conditions In Egypt

Cairo, Dec. 23.
The British Residency Guards were played back to barracks at 8 o'clock this morning by the Irish Guards in consequence of the elevation of the Residence to the status of an Embassy. Three Egyptian policemen are now guarding the Embassy and the guards will now be transferred. The Egyptian Legation in London has been raised to the status of an Embassy.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

GERMAN LABOUR PROJECT

Berlin, Dec. 22.
General Goering has commissioned the Reich Labour Service to take up the project of draining the swamp and moorland along the Dutch frontier as soon as possible. As a result of this order an increased number of servicemen will be sent to the section.—
Transocean News Service.

NON-INTERVENTION IN SPAIN SUPERVISION PLAN SUBMITTED

Foreign Volunteers And Aircraft Problems

London, December 23.
Telegraph summaries of replies received from the two parties to the conflict in Spain in regard to the proposals for establishment of a system of supervision designed to secure execution of the non-intervention agreement were considered by the sub-committee in London last night. The sub-committee agreed that these documents should be referred to to-day's meeting of the main committee.

The sub-committee agreed also to invite the main committee to communicate to their respective Governments the report on detailed aspects of the plan for establishment of a system of supervision in Spain which they had received from their technical advisers with a view to various representatives obtaining the final decision thereon at the earliest possible moment.

The report from a number of representatives regarding the attitude of their respective Governments on the suggested extension of the non-intervention agreement, but also indirect intervention with special reference to the problem of entry into Spain of foreign nationals for the purpose of taking service in the civil war, were also before the sub-committee.

A general exchange of views took place, in the course of which the representatives indicated that they would at once report to their respective Governments the general sense of the views expressed at the meeting, and in the meantime the sub-committee agreed to appoint technical sub-committees to examine forthwith the various aspects of indirect intervention with a view to the extension of the agreement to cover these questions.

The main committee will to-day be invited to submit to their respective Governments a further report of the technical advisers on the supervision of aircraft entering Spain by air, with their observations at the earliest possible moment.

The sub-committee agreed to submit to the main committee certain proposals for adoption by the participating Governments of uniform interpretation of obligations incurred by adherence to the non-intervention agreement.—
British Wireless.

RECOMMENDATIONS

London, Dec. 22.
A sub-committee of the International Non-Intervention Committee, organised to prevent the spread of the civil war in Spain, has drafted recommendations for the consideration of the plenary session to-morrow.

It has been decided to appoint technical sub-committees to examine various aspects of indirect intervention, including foreign recruiting, and to consider the establishment of a system of supervision of imports to Spain.—
Reuter.

SPANISH CONFLICT

Madrid, Dec. 22.
Government forces claim to have repelled repeated insurgent attacks during the past week and to have gained successes in counter-attacks, retaking the village of Boadilla del Monte and capturing six tanks and many prisoners. The insurgent air raids over the capital continue.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MADRID SHELLED

Madrid, Dec. 22.
In the course of a heavy bombardment of Madrid to-day by rebel artillery, three shells hit the tall Telephone Exchange building, tearing large holes in the walls. Other shells fell in the streets in the vicinity of this conspicuous target.

A thrilling air battle was fought over the river Manzanares, in full view of the crowds in the streets. Two rebel raiders were brought down and one Government machine was hit and forced to land at the Barajas Aerodrome.—
Reuter.

IRELAND TO TAKE BRITISH COAL

Free State Minister's Statement

London, Dec. 23.
In an official statement the Irish Free State Minister for Industry and Commerce indicates that from January next until January 1938 the Free State will take 3,113,000 tons of British coal. There is a nominal quota of 1,000 tons for foreign coal. The statement adds that this arrangement was made pending completion of the discussions regarding continuance of the existing arrangements between the Free State and Britain and whereby the former takes British coal and Britain takes an increased number of Irish cattle but continues to charge special customs duty on them.—
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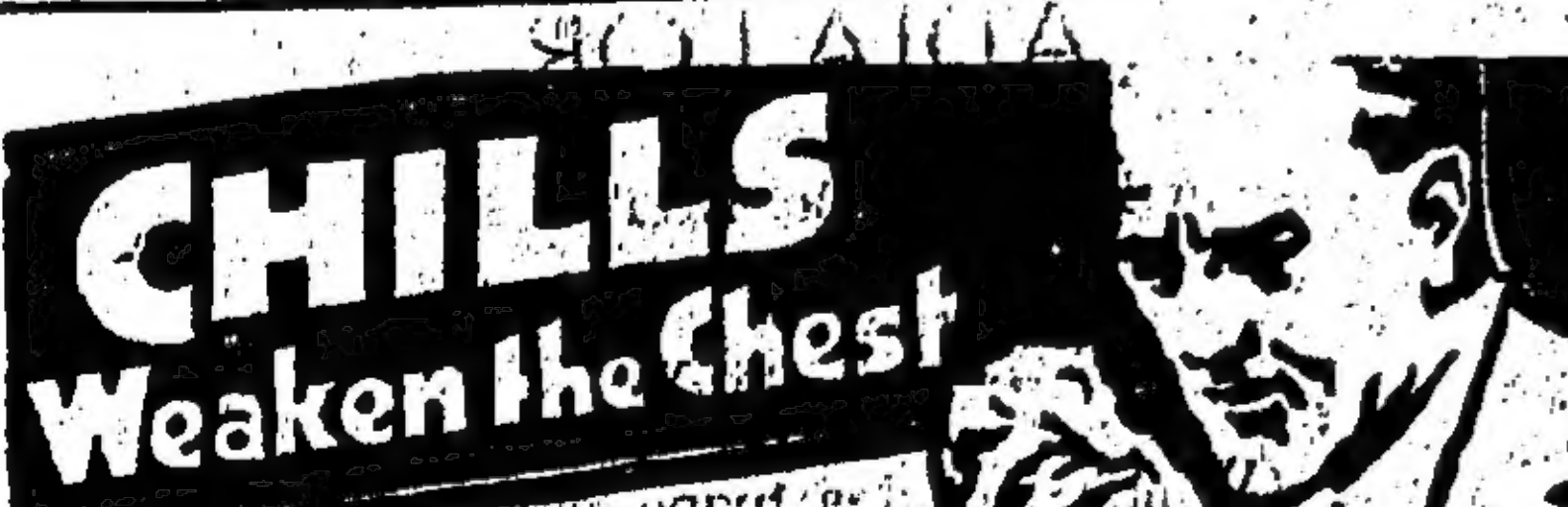
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SUNDAY HERALD CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

Selections

The undermentioned have been selected to represent England in the England v. China match to be played on the ground of the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday, kick off 3.30 p.m.:

F. Cocker (Navy); L. Cpl. Swain (E. Lancs.); J. Wolverson (Navy); R. North (Police); A. B. Biles (K.F.C.) (Captain); E. Strange (Club); F. Fowler (Club); J. Smith (Navy); B. Eckford (Club); A. Sandford (East Lancs.); J. Wride (Navy).

Reserves:—H. Wolfe (Navy), S. Strange (Club), K. Farrow (Club), H. Elliott (Club).

The following will represent China against England:

China:—Chin Hang (Eastern) (Captain); Lee Tin-sang (South China "A"); Mak So (Kowloon Chinese); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A") (Vice-Captain); Lam Tak-po (South China "B"); Lo Wai-kuen (Athletic); Tang Kwong-sum (K. Chinese); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A"); Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"); Chan Yue-tin (Eastern); and Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic).

Reserves:—Wong Wah-guy (S. China "B"); Kwok Ping-chong (K. Chinese); Wong Shek-ping (Athletic); Lai Kwok-chiu (K. Chinese); Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A"); Cheong Kwok-chot (Eastern); Chan Ping-to (Eastern); Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern); Chow Man-chi (K. Chinese); and Lee Shek-yun (South China "B").

Notable absentees are Pau Ka-ping, Tam Kong-pak, Ip Pak-wa, Tay Quee-lung, Wong Mei-shun, Tso Kwai-shing and Ho Kar-keung.

HOCKEY GAME TIED

Triangular Tournament Encounter

In their Triangular Tournament encounter at the Marina ground yesterday, the Army held the Navy to a draw, both teams sharing two goals. The game was played at a fast pace throughout and the final score was a fair indication of the game.

The Army took the offensive from the start and dominated exchanges during this period. Early in the game, Patab, the Army left-winger, who is also a newcomer to local hockey, tested, Garwood, the Navy custodian with a hard shot which the latter confidently cleared. Play then veered to the other end, but the Navy forwards lacked cohesion in their movements and were easily held in check by the Army defence.

At this stage the Army forwards with thrustful attacks gave the opposing defence a worrying time, and the reason for their not registering at least two goals in the first half was entirely due to their dilly-dallying methods when favourably placed.

The second half was barely ten minutes old when the Army netted through Stapleton (centre half) from a short corner. This reversal, instead of disheartening the Navy, seemed to wake them up from their early lethargy, so much so that they dominated the exchanges for the remainder of the game.

With another fifteen minutes to go, the Navy drew level with the Army when Wright, with Howlett unaided, scored during a melee in front of the Army's goal-mouth.

Gaining incentive from this goal, the Navy forwards came in to their own end and were seen in several good movements which would have culminated in them netting but for the sterling work of Boxcock, right back, and the able support of Kishin Singh, the left back.

The final whistle brought an entertaining game to a close with the honours evenly divided.

Golf Results

Results of the L.G.U. Medal Competition held at Fanling on Dec. 22nd. "Silver Division. Old Course. Mrs. Sheldon. 94-11-83. 2nd score, Mrs. Withington. 94-7-87. "Bronze Division." New Course. Mrs. Pearce. 98-25-73. 2nd score, Mrs. Roberts. 107-29-78.

"A Scout Smiles . . ."



Fleet Scoutmaster K. Lawder (Deep Sea Scouts), A. S. M. Lobato de Faria and Rover Martinho-Marques look pleasant during a lull in the 11th Kowloon (Wah Yan) troop's camp in the Kowloon Hills last week-end.

TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were recorded at the Valley training gallops yesterday:—

		Dis- tance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Last
Havoc Eve & Happy Eve	1	45	1.30	2.11	2.42.3			31.3
Dynasty's Bay Griffin	1	48	1.28	2.11.2	2.53.4	3.32		38.1
Rosemary & Dunbar's								
Grey Griffin	1	41	1.22	2.02.3	2.41	3.14		33
Expansion Time	1	41	1.22	2.01	2.38	3.12		34
Royal Wedding Eve	1	44.3	1.25.2	2.08	2.39			33
Kong's Bay Griffin	1	37	1.13.2	1.48.2	2.24.2			36

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Araxy & Prospero	1	42	1.24	2.02	2.34.3			32.3
Yum Sing	1	41	1.19	1.54	2.31	3.04.2		33.2
Playboy	1	37	1.16	1.51	2.27.2			36.2
Adam & Mac's Adventure	1	38.2	1.14	1.48.4				34.4
King Frost & Rockbridge	1	47.3	1.35.3	2.21.3	3.03.2	3.36.4		33.2
Bouldnor, Helephant & Malolo	1	46	1.28	2.08	2.43.3	3.16		32.2
Gordilo, China Clipper & Weedon Seat	1	41	1.25	2.07.2	2.40.4			33.2
Tze Tin & Flying Arrow	1	45	1.29	2.07.3	2.41			33.2
The Baboon & Chun Teen	1	40	1.14	1.47.3				33.3
Successful Time & Clow-ner	1	43.3	1.26	2.06.3	2.43.2	3.16		32.2
Krazy Kat & Protoza	1	38.3	1.16.4	1.53.1	2.27.4			34.3
Shipmaster	1	40	1.15.2	1.49				33.3
Feudal Knight & Strath Doon	1	40.1	1.23.2	2.02.2	2.37			34.3
Standard Time & Busok	1	44	1.25	2.03.1	2.36			32.4
National Faith & National Wisdom	1	45.3	1.25.3	2.02				36.2
National Joy & National Anthem	1	44.1	1.25.2	1.59.3				34.1

AUSTRALIAN PONIES

Saltire	1	35.4	1.09	1.43	2.14			31
Rose Lafayette & The Right Time	1	38	1.11.3	1.48.4	2.23.3	2.55.3		32
Llanarmon	1	48	1.39	2.11	2.50	3.26.2		36.2
Precious Stream & Lazilli	1	36	1.11	1.44.1	2.15.1	2.43.1		28
Rhodius & Beat That	1	35	1.08.1	1.36.1				30
Rosalind	1	40	1.21	1.56.4	2.29			32.1
Tropical Star & Medice-val Knight	1	38.3	1.15.1	1.50.3	2.23.4			33.1
Bransholme	1	32	1.04	1.36.3	2.08.4			32.1
Bachelor's Court	1	43	1.23	1.59	2.35.3	3.05		29.2

MACAO PONIES

Eastlight	40	1.16	1.57	2.31				34
Hogmanay	41	1.23	2.01	2.37	3.11			34
Shih Yin Grand	40	1.23	2.04	2.42	3.15			33
Brown Bee	39	1.22	1.59	2.34	3.07			33
Victory Life	39	1.22	1.59	2.34	3.07			33
Gold Reserve	45	1.27	2.08	2.41				35
Wentworth	42	1.22	2.01	2.37	3.12			35
Shanghai	40	1.20	2.01	2.36	3.09			33
Merry Fatty	39	1.16	1.57	2.33	3.06			33
Hurdling Morn	42	1.22	1.59	2.34				35
Courier Blea	40	1.20	1.57	2.32				35
City Life	43	1.26	2.07	2.42				35
Rothsay Bay	42	1.26	2.07	2.45	3.18			34

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Local Football

FIXTURES FOR WEEK-END

International Charity Cup

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First Division League
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R.W.F. v 8th China "B"
Navy v Eastern

Second Division League
DECEMBER 27
R.W.F. v 8th China
C.A.A. v R.E.
Police "C" v R.U.R.
R.A. "L" v Navy

Third Division League
DECEMBER 27
St. Josephs v Kumaon R.
Police "E" v Liga
R.E. v Police "C"

CRICKET

A two-day cricket match between the Army and the Royal Navy commenced on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday. The Navy

Hockey Trials

WASEDA XI TO PLAY HERE

In connection with the visit to the Colony of the Hockey XI of the Waseda University it is necessary to hold trials for the selection of players for the Colony team on Sundays the 27th inst. and Jan. 3rd.

The players who represented the Civilians are therefore requested to turn up, prepared to play at the Naval ground, King's Park at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday 27. Players are requested to wear white shorts and shirts and to bring with them coloured shirts. Positions will be assigned to players on the field.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

A Musical "hour" for members and their friends is being held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Monday next, December 28, commencing at 8.15 p.m.

scored 150 and at the close of play the Army had scored 150 for the loss of seven wickets. The match will be continued to-day.

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SCOUT AND CUB NOTES AND NEWS

Deep Sea Scouts'
Xmas Camp

CUB SPORTS ON
TUESDAY, DEC. 29

(BY E.M.)

It sounds almost like sheer shame to think that with all the glorious hill surroundings around them, a majority of Hong Kong youths should needlessly spend their time in town during the week-ends instead of getting out into the open air for healthier recreation. However, Scouts here in Hong Kong are as keen about camping in the hills as one should find and not a single week-end goes amiss without some local Troop hiking to some remote camp site, near but yet far away from civilization.

Last Saturday the 11th Kowloon (Wah Yan) Troop, under District Scoutmaster F. H. Chan sought out a splendid piece of camp ground set at the foot of Middle Hill, for which credit goes to the St. Andrews' Group for having discovered it some time ago. Undoubtedly, there are few, if any, sites like this one to be found elsewhere in the Colony. A twin stream runs through the section in which the 11th Troop, with true Scout-like efficiency, pitched their tents on one side with the camp-fire circle on a lower level while they built their field stoves and set their mess-tables among a clump of trees on the other side.

Having planned to remain in camp until Tuesday afternoon, the Scouts, therefore, got down to making themselves as comfortable as possible during their stay. Upon the shoulders of Scouters Chan, Lobato de Faria and So, who were by the patrol leaders, fell the responsibility of organising the camp properly and arranging a suitable but busy time-programme.

Sunday morning proved to be Visitors' Day for an endless round of friends kept coming into the camp to spend the day out with the Scouts. The constant interruption to their work and the job of showing every visitor round the camp to point out those ingenious Scout-gadgets and explaining their respective uses, kept the boys on a never-ending move. Among the callers were the Rev. Fr. G. Gallagher, S.J. Director of the Wah Yan College, Mr. Chow Cheng-lum (Headmaster of the Wah Yan College), Paymaster-Cdr. K. Lawder (Fleet Scoutmaster of the D.S.S.), Mr. M. E. Lawrence (Scout photographer), and several other members of the Wah Yan College faculty.

The time-menu called for "chicken-congee" and other dishes but the former tasted never less Scouty—that is, one could not but help notice the slight burnt taste in it. However, the "repeats" that followed despite the casual first remarks did credit to the cooking done by the Scouts. Washing up followed and the visitors were not permitted to take a hand in it.

Perhaps it is not out of place to mention the courtesy of the police when, notified of the intention of the Scouts to camp in the Kowloon Hills, they put a couple of Indian constables on duty along the path leading to the site with instructions to the pair to report to the Scouters in charge twice a day to find out if all was well. This action on the part of the police was very much appreciated by the Scouts as their friends kept coming in to see them throughout their stay in camp.

While still on the subject of camping, the Deep Sea Scouts have announced their intention of spending the Christmas holiday at Saiwan and will be hosts to a number of visitors who are coming out with them. The Skipper (Paymaster-Cdr. Lawder) hardly lets any week go by without himself trotting out into Nature's own playground on a solitary hike or with his crew. With his departure for Home shortly the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will suffer a personal loss and their regret will be equally shared by all who have known him in Shanghai, Weihaiwei and other China coast ports.

The Cub Sports will be held on Tuesday, December 29, at the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 2.45 p.m., with kind permission of the ground owners, when all Hong Kong and Kowloon Packs will vie for the Peter Dinkel Shield. Programmes will be sold during the Sports and, in view of the whole-hearted success of the recent

93 GERMANS DEPRIVED OF NATIONALITY

Thomas Mann And
His Family
Penalized

A list was published recently of 93 more Germans who are deprived of their nationality under the law of July 14, 1933, for "injuring the German reputation by a lack of loyalty to the German Reich and people."

They include Herr Thomas Mann, the German novelist and winner of the 1929 Nobel Prize for Literature; Herr Wilhelm Sollmann, the Socialist Minister of the Interior in Dr. Stresemann's Cabinet in 1923, who, as German representative on the Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Paris in 1927, demanded reduction of armaments rather than rearmament; Dr. Rudolf Olden, a former writer in the "Berliner Tageblatt;" and Herr Matthias Braun, the Saar Socialist and leader of the "status quo" movement in last year's plebiscite. The others are men and women more or less well known in Germany, and their relatives.

The relatives, in fact, number nearly two-thirds of the list and no special reason is given for their denaturalization, although it is added that the Ministry of the Interior reserves the right to deprive more relatives of their nationality. The property of the 39 principal persons is confiscated, but nothing is said about the property of the relatives, among whom are Herr Thomas Mann's wife, Frau Katja Mann, and four of his children. (Herr Thomas Mann's two elder children, Klaus and Erika, and his distinguished brother, the novelist Herr Heinrich Mann, were deprived of their nationality some time ago.) Herr Thomas Mann has lived abroad since April, 1933.

LIFE-SAVING TESTS IN STORM

Success Of New Rockets

Successful tests with new types of rockets under severe gale conditions were made recently by the combined Bridlington and Speeton Rocket Brigades at Speeton Cliffs.

The brigadesmen had been waiting for severe conditions to make the tests, for when the Hull trawler Skagness was wrecked the rockets in use were blown back by the severe wind.

A new rocket was fired 30 yards from the cliff edge so that it could gain momentum before meeting the upward current of air at the cliff edge, and a further test was firing a rocket direct at a "wreck" downwards. A 6lb. rocket gun was also tried with success.

£3,100 FOR POLICEMAN AND HIS WIFE

As the result of a road accident, £2,750 damages were awarded by Mr. Justice Hilbery, in the King's Bench Division to a young Metropolitan Police officer, Edgar Read, of Nelson-road, Hornsey, N., with £350 to his wife, against Major Kindersley, of St. Paul's Walden, Hitchin, Herts.

Read was riding a motor-cycle, with his wife on the pillion-seat, when they were involved in a collision with Major Kindersley's car, which was being driven by his chauffeur at Mill Hill.

Read's right leg was severely injured and, although the accident happened a year ago last August, he has still to use crutches.

Campfire Display. It is expected that the public will give it their whole-hearted support by their attendance.

To the uninitiated in Scout matters, the Cubs represent the youngest members of the huge Scout Movement and it is here that they are given their first taste of the training which helps to develop them into law-abiding and efficient citizens when they grow older. In the Cubs the youngsters learn those useful crafts which enable them to make their own toys and other things to the envy of their friends. Character training is one of the key-words of the Cub movement and coupled with this goes the development of the mind and cultivation of physical efficiency.

DIVORCE REFORM IN SCOTLAND

New Grounds In Lord
Alness's Bill

LUNACY, CRUELTY
AND CRIME

A bill introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Alness, a former Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, seeks to amend the divorce law in Scotland by embodying in the main, the recommendations of the majority report of the Royal Commission on Divorce of 1912.

Among the additional grounds for divorce proposed in the measure are that the defender:

Has deserted the pursuer and persisted in such desertion for a period of not less than three years;

Is a lunatic and has, since the date of the marriage, been continuously detained as such for a period of not less than three years;

Has been guilty of cruelty towards the pursuer;

Is undergoing penal servitude in pursuance either of a sentence thereto or of commutation of sentence to death;

Has since the date of the marriage and within five years immediately preceding the raising of the action for divorce, been convicted at least three times of a crime, and sentenced on any such conviction to imprisonment for a period of not less than six months;

Is an habitual drunkard.

PERMISSIVE PROVISIONS

As regards desertion, which has been a sufficient cause for divorce in Scotland since 1873, a memorandum to the bill explains that "the ground requires to be cleared by the repeal of the Scots Act of that year, as, owing to its terms, it has been decided that the mental attitude of the deserted spouse must always have been one of readiness to receive back the deserter into marital life."

The main departure in the bill from the recommendations of the Royal Commission relates to crime.

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M.S. "TJINEGARA" 5th Jan. 10 a.m.

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£30,000,000 A YEAR FOR ACCIDENTS

What Industry Pays

Accidents cost British industry about £30,000,000 yearly, according to Dr. H. M. Vernon, formerly investigator to the Industrial Health Research Board. He gives his estimate in "Accidents and Their Prevention," published by (Cambridge University Press, 1935).

"When over 200,000 persons are killed or injured every year on the road," Dr. Vernon comments, "the pedestrian cannot but realise that he runs a by no means negligible risk of being one of the victims whenever he takes a walk; but Dr. Vernon points out that huge as is this tale of road accidents, it is surpassed by the accidents occurring in our homes, factories, and coal mines."

Figures which he has collected show that there are some 17,000 fatal accidents in Great Britain a year, while the total of non-fatal accidents in the last year quoted amounted to 377,376 for Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Dr. Vernon estimates that there are forty times as many accidents for which no compensation is paid. Including the home, he puts the total number of accidents which take place every year at more than 50,000,000.

HOPE OF 50 PER CENT. REDUCTION

Dr. Vernon states, "we have certainly made so much progress that further efforts are not likely to achieve great advances, but in most directions there is a possibility of reducing the toll of accidents by 50 per cent. or more. It is usually possible to distinguish between legitimate risks and those which are mere foolishness."

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Hong Kong, Dec. 23.

Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 21 1/4 for Ready and 21 3/16 for Forward. Silver prices reported India and China as having sold. A small business was done. After the official fixing the cash market was steady but the forward market was a shade easier. American Silver was lower at 45 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4.91 1/4. New York-London was quoted at 4.91 9/32.

MARKET

Nothing doing. Steady

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/2 15/16 December-May, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for any delivery. A small business was reported at 1/2 31/32 for near delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 30 9/16 December-April, buyers at 30 3/8 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done at 103 7/16 for cash. The market closed with small sellers at 103 7/16 for cash, buyers at 103 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 7/16 for cash, buyers at 1/2 15/32. U.S. Dollars, business was done at 29 9/16 for cash.

and we ought to be capable of instructing young people in such a way that they are able to decide for themselves in which class a given accident risk belongs."

PASSENGERS

Departures

M.S. "TJISADANE"

Hereunder is the list of passengers who sailed on the m.s. "Tjisanane" on December 22:-

TO MANILA

Mrs. P. M. Tait, Miss M. M. Tait, Mr. M. Garrett, Mr. C. F. King, Mrs. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grieve, Mr. and Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. S. V. Sommers, Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. J. A. Jones, Miss D. Lawrence, Mrs. C. Carrington, Mr. A. M. Tinson, Dr. O. R. McCoy, Mrs. A. E. van Hagen, Mrs. R. Learmouth, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Nielson and son, Miss Brown, Miss Kane, Mrs. M. C. Burbridge, Mr. Scoley, Mr. Gillespie.

TO MAKASSAR

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hallock.

TO BALI

Mrs. Louise G. Hill, Mrs. Ethel Bradley, Mrs. L. C. Small, Mrs. Julia Shourek, Mrs. T. F. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dohner, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Marburg, Mr. G. O. Faulkner, Mr. Tienk Willink, Mr. T. F. Schneider and son, Mr. A. M. Pfenderleth, Mr. and Mrs. Wize and child.

TO SOERABAYA

Mrs. E. E. Ament, Miss J. Schaefer, Mr. J. W. Mackay, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hulska, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pearson.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF ASIA"

Among the passengers who departed for the North yesterday on the R.M.S. Emperor of Asia were the following:-

Miss E. M. Hardisty-Smith, on her way to Quebec. She is a relative of the late Lord Strachan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Marshall, of Manila, who are on the way to Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Marshall is with the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company.

Mr. Au Chin, the manager of the Sincere Co., Ltd.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scott; Mr. N. Mashinsky; Mr. and Mrs. Fung Kong Un and son; and Baron von Ungern-Sternberg.

Others passengers were:-

Mr. Au Kwok Leung, Mr. O. E. Barrant, Mr. P. J. Bennett, Mr. J. S. Boardman, Mr. T. J. Bridge, Mr. M. J. Clechanski, Mr. Chan Kwan Pao, Mr. Chan Ting On, Mrs. C. P. Chen, Mr. S. K. Chow, Mr. K. C. Chow, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Chow, Miss R. Choy, Mr. Y. M. Chue, Mr. T. G. Drakeford, Mr. P. T. D. Zih, Miss K. Friedman, Mr. G. Ghansharada, Miss E. Grosse, Mr. G. A. D. Gulab, Mr. A. R. Hager, Mr. C. H. Ho, Mr. H. Itoh, Mr. Huang Kai Wah, Miss G. Kelly, Mr. E. S. Kong, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Luck, Mr. C. T. Kum, Mr. Paul Lee, Mr. Lo Kan, Mrs. J. N. Lee, Miss E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wai Fan, Mr. Leung Tan Yew, Mrs. Leung Wai Chee, Mrs. S. K. Luk, Mr. Lum Sai Tsang, Mr. W. W. McKenzie, Mr. L. McNicoll, Mr. W. Ng, Mr. J. W. Peak, Miss G. Peak, Mr. Pinzen Cheng, Mr. Pun Sik Yu, Mr. R. E. Raschke, Mr. Poon Kam Hing, Mr. V. Reichelt, Mr. M. Schwabbe, Mr. Shang Chin Chan, Mrs. Shin Man Lim, Miss E. I. Sellar, Mr. K. K. Sit, Mrs. J. A. Summerfield, Mr. Sun Lan Chow, Mr. E. T. Swanson, Mr. C. L. Soo, Mr. B. V. Tushett, Mr. H. C. Tang, Miss Tam Shui Hing, Mr. Tse Ming Cheung, Mr. Tseng Wu Chu, Mr. J. Webster, Miss P. Woolley, Mr. H. Y. Wong, Mr. Wong Chan Cha, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Ngai Wing, Mrs. C. C. Wong, Miss C. M. Wu, Mr. Wu Hon On, Miss Wu Bon Yee, Mr. Yan Kam Yin.

Commonwealth & S. 31 31

Commonwealth 30 684 684

Consolidated Edison 424 43

Consolidated Oil 144 144

Continental Oil 414 421

Corn Products 678 683

Curtiss Wright (C.) 61 61

Curtiss Wright "A" 194 194

Delaware & Hudson 424 424

Del Lackawanna & Western 101 1034

Distillers Corp. Sea- 264 264

grams 264 264

Douglas Aircraft 694 694

Du Pont 1724 173

Electric Boat 114 114

Elec. Bond & Share 214 214

Elec. Bond & Share 704 704

Elec. Bond & Share 79 784

Elec. Power & Light 234 241

Elec. Power & Light 324 334

Firestone Tire & R. 344 354

Flintkote 494 50

Gen. Asphalt 51 514

Gen. Cigar 40 394

Gen. Electric 644 654

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A drive to make the counties of Northumberland and Durham "air raid conscious" began recently when classes for the medical and ancillary professions were inaugurated.

In addition, the St. John Ambulance Brigade are completing the training of hundreds of their members in anti-air raid precautions in preparation for the voluntary classes for civilians. These are expected to begin by the end of the year.

The first of a course of six lectures for medical men, dentists, and veterinary surgeons on air raid precautions will be given at Newcastle Infirmary on Wednesday, and thereafter at weekly intervals. In addition to an hour's theory, each lecture will include an hour's practical work.

Newcastle police force and police units in North-East Durham have already undergone training courses.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuters Service)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 23.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	12.18	12.10	12.18	3/16 up
New York Cotton—Mar.	20.48	20.38	20.38	10 up
Chicago Wheat—May	131 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn—May	105 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	1/4 off
Silver—Official	—	—	—	unchanged

	1936	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Change
Dow Jones Averages	166.39	163.11	175.55	173.30	1.45 up
30 Industrial	60.48	60.09	61.66	61.58	.58 off
30 Rail	36.16	35.83	36.83	36.70	.49 up
40 Utilities	108.01	107.92	108.16	108.14	.01 off
40 Bonds	78.33	78.58	78.10	77.40	.70 off
11 Commodity Index	—	—	—	—	—

Business Done:—1,670,000 shares.

Stocks Dec. 21 22

Adams Express 144 144

Allis Chalmers 714 741

Amer. Can 1124 1114

Amer. Car & Foundry 334 344

Amer. Cyanamid 334 344

Amer. & For. Power 7 74

Amer. & For. 7 pt. 544 554

Amer. Locomotive 43 44

Amer. Metals 494 504

Amer. Radiator 24 25

Amer. Rolling Mill 334 34

Amer. Smelting 914 934

Amer. Steel 544 56

Amer. Sugar 534 531

Amer. Tel. & Tel. 180 1824

Amer. Tobacco "B" 964 964

Amer. Waterworks 244 25

Anaconda Copper 514 544

Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe. 674 674

Atlantic Refining 294 294

Atlas Corp. 164 164

Auburn Motors 304 304

Baldwin Locomotive 85 864

\$7 cum. pt. 204 204

Barnsdall Oil 214 231

Bendix Aviation 72 734

Bethlehem Steel 314 32

Boeing Airplane 26 254

Borden Co. 524 54

Briggs Manufacturing 524 514

Brooklyn-Manhattan 1014 102

\$8 cum. pt. 1434 1424

Case, J.I. 13 134

Canadian Pacific 264 264

Celinese Corp. of America 264 264

Cerro de Pasco 70 73

Certain-Tied Products 124 134

Chesapeake Corp. 83 824

Chesapeake & Ohio 614 614

Chrysler Corp. 1154 1174

Columbia Gas & El. 164 174

Columbia 6 "A" pt. 1064 1044

Commercial Credit 654 674

Commercial Solvents 174 184

Commonwealth & S. 31 31

Consolidated Edison 424 43

Consolidated Oil 144 144

Continental Oil 414 421

Corn Products 678 683

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Elec. Power & Light 234 241

Elec. Power & Light 324 334

Firestone Tire & R. 344 354

Flintkote 494 50

Gen. Asphalt 51 514

Gen. Cigar 40 394

Gen. Electric 644 654

Gen. Motors 504 524

Gen. Railway Signal 154 154

Gillette Safety Razor 224 224

Gold Dust 134 124

Goodrich (B.F.) 314 314

Goodrich 54 pt. 814 824

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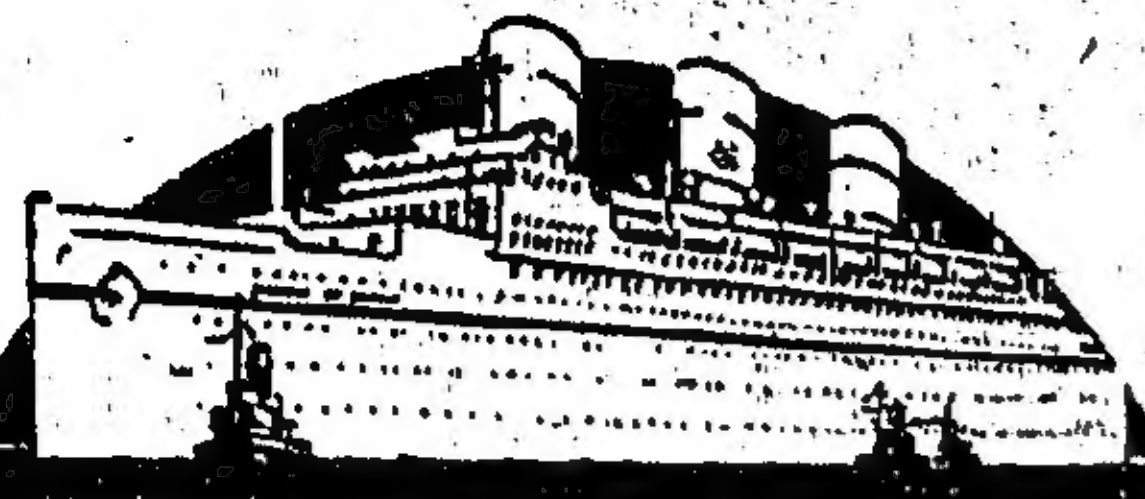
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FUSHIMI MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Jan.
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TEKUKUNI MARU ... Friday, 29th Jan.

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ATSUTA MARU ... Friday, 25th Dec., at Night
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 23rd Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.
TOYAMA MARU ... Monday, 29th Dec.
KOTOHIRA MARU ... Wednesday, 30th Dec.
TANGO MARU ... Monday, 11th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
NAGATO MARU ... Tuesday, 29th Dec.
TOBA MARU ... Tuesday, 5th Jan.

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MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

To-Day's Arrivals

(BY T.S.M.)

S.S. "SHANTUNG"
The S.S. "Shantung" of the China Navigation Co., Limited (Butterfield and Swire, Agents) is due here to-day, and will be moored to one of the Harbour Buoys.

She comes from Shanghai and Foochow, and will sail for Swatow and Shanghai on Sunday, December 27 at 10.00 a.m.

S.S. "RANPURA"
The S.S. "Ranpura" of the P. and O. Line (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) arrives here to-day at about 7.00 a.m., and berths at the Kowloon Wharf.

She comes from the Straits, and will leave here for the Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe (via Marseilles—due Marseilles, January 22, 1937) on Saturday, December 23.

Parcels will be received at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office up to 11.00 a.m. to-morrow, while registered articles and letters of destination will be received up to 9.45 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, December 23.

Registered articles and letters for the "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, January 4, 1937 will be received at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office up to 9.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, December 26.

M.S. "TRAVE"
The M.S. "Trave" of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen (Mellers and Company, Agents) will arrive here, on January 3 next, and will sail for Europe (via Singapore and Port) on the same day, instead of on December 31 as previously advised.

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA"
The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited left Vancouver, B.C. for Hong Kong (via Japan Ports and Shanghai) on Friday morning, December 18.

She is due at Hong Kong on Thursday morning, January 7 next, and after discharging cargo, she will proceed to the Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul.

S.S. "SCHARNHORST"
The S.S. "Scharnhorst" (N.D.L.) will arrive here to-morrow, and will berth alongside the Kowloon Wharf at 12 noon.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN)

The freight returns received from the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9.00 a.m. yesterday, showed a moderate tonnage movement.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 10,484 tons, with British steamers carrying 149 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 8,717 tons, of which 2,639 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers arriving into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 1,599, of which 386 were from British steamers.

There were altogether fifteen arrivals, of which five were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the twenty departures, ten were British ships the rest being of other different countries. Particulars are as follows:

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	5	2,781
Dutch	2	10,298
Norwegian	2	3,670
French	1	400
Japanese	4	1,751
Chinese	1	283
Total	15	19,181

VESSELS DUE

(Continued from Page 14.)

Potadam, Melchers, January 12.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar's, Jan. 15.
Pres. Hoover, Dollar's, Jan. 14.
Pres. Taft, Dollar's, Jan. 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 1.
Prousen, Jensen's, December 30.
Pyrrhos, B. & S., Jan. 25.
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 8.
Rames, Jensen's, January 10.
Ranpura, P. & O., December 24.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., Jan. 7.
Rhodan, Jensen's, January 4.
Sauerland, Jensen's, January 8.
Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.
Seistan, Douglas's, Dec. 23.
Shantung, B. & S., Dec. 24.
Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 5.
Sornali, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Suissag, Jardine's, December 27.
Tai Yin, Dodwell's, January 17.
Tallhybus, B. & S., December 31.
Tarlifa, Tharesen's, Dec. 31.
Tetrastis, B. & S., December 28.
Tucor, B. & S., Jan. 29.
Ture, Tharesen's, Dec. 27.
Tishan, B. & S., Jan. 8.
Tjibadak, J.C.J. Line, January 6.
Tjissroek, J.C.J. Line, January 2.
Tjorana, Maru, N.Y.E. Dec. 27.
Trave, Melchers, January 3.
Tweedbank, Bank Line, January 31.
Tyndarsen, B. & S., December 28.
Van Hentz, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 29.
Zuiderkerk, J.C.J. Line, January 3.

She will sail for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports at 10 p.m. on the same day.

ARRIVALS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Produce, Norwegian steamer, 147 tons, Captain K. Gjertsen, from Campha, cargo—coal, Talkoo Sugar Refining Wharf.—K. Larsen & Co.

Glenahiel, British steamer, 5,788 tons, Captain Sanders, from Amoy via Singapore, general cargo, Hoi's Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Hal Ning, British steamer, 840 tons, Captain E. Walker, from Foochow, Amoy via Swatow, general cargo, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Tai Yuan, British steamer, 2,100 tons, Captain J. K. Clark, from Canton, buoy No. 83.—B. & S.

Glasgow Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,221 tons, Captain S. Yoshitomi, from Moji via Sakai, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—O. S. K.

Kwangtung, British steamer, 1,972 tons, Captain N. Hardie, from Shanghai via Swatow, general cargo, lying at buoy No. 83.—B. & S.

Hal Chen, Chinese steamer, 2,060 tons, Captain H. T. Hu, from Shanghai via Swatow, general cargo, C. M. S. N.'s Wharf.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Talma, British steamer, 4,154 tons, Captain C. C. Gwyn, from Calcutta via Singapore, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Cremer, Dutch steamer, 2,785 tons, Captain J. W. Kummer, from Amoy via Swatow, berthing at buoy No. 43.—J. C. J. Line.

Canton Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,647 tons, Captain I. Nitta, from Swatow, general cargo, Osaka Shosen Kaisha Wharf.—O. S. K.

Hong Sang, British steamer, 2,140 tons, Captain D. M. Cole, from Amoy via Swatow, lying at buoy No. 45.—Ho Thong & Co.

Jinkai Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,892 tons, Captain R. Koga, from Hongkong, Stonecutters.—M. B. K.

Soochow, British steamer, 1,594 tons, Captain D. Williamson, from Canton, buoy No. 84.—B. & S.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

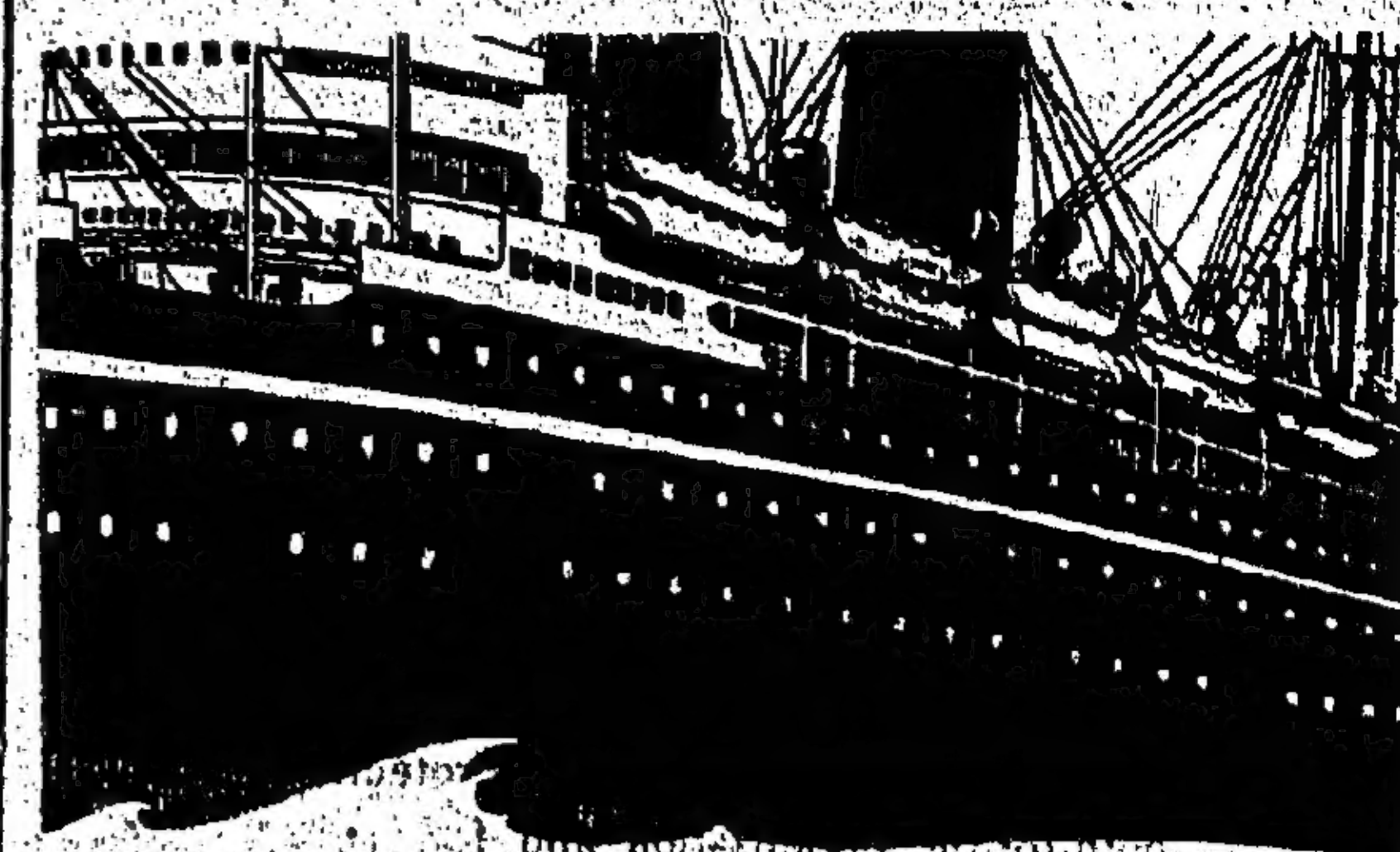
Kanchow, British steamer, 1,222 tons, Captain J. Atkins, from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

Hal Ching, British steamer, 1,322 tons, Captain W. B. Patcy, from Canton, Yaumati.—Douglas & Co.

Fernhill, Norwegian steamer, 2,454 tons, Captain Hansen, from Baltimore via Shanghai, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—Jensen & Co.

Tai Poo Sek, French steamer, 1,219 tons, Captain J. Bonnamour, from Kwong Chow Wan, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. 41.—Tai Fung & Co.

Sagres, British steamer, 1,448 tons, Captain J. M. Morran, from Amoy, lying at Yaumati.—Williamson & Co.



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*ALIPPORE	5,000	24th Dec.	Bombay & Karachi.
*COMORIN	15,000	26th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	7,000	1st Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Rangoon, Aden, & Amoy.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	9th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi.
RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	10th Feb.	do
*BHUTAN	6,000	15th Feb.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
NALDERA	18,000	6th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	16th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, A'werp, & Hull.
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SIRDHANA	8,000	30th Jan.
SHIRALA	8,000	15th Feb.
TILAWA	10,000	27th Feb.

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The Crowd In Downing Street



Interest and anxiety attracted this section of the London crowd to historic Downing Street to await news of the recent constitutional crisis.

FORMER KING'S SOCIAL LIFE

Grave Strictures By Archbishop

London, Dec. 22. Great indignation has been caused here by an attack made on ex-king Edward VIII by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Temple. It had often happened, wrote Temple in a church periodical, that men of honour had been obliged to decide to avoid further meetings with married women before mutual affection grew too strong. It was very much to be regretted, declared the Archbishop, that in this point the former king had failed.

The appearance of a prearranged, concerted attack was given by simultaneous declarations of the Bishop of Bradford and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bishop went so far as to protest against any expression of sympathy for the abdicated king, while he declared that the forthcoming coronation of King George VI was a fit opportunity for the revival of the influence of religion on the life of the nation.

It is probable that the British Broadcasting Co. will put the radio at the disposal of the Archbishop to dilate on this theme on the last Sunday of the year.—*Transocean News Service.*

GRAND CARNIVAL DANCE

Successful Function By H.M.S. Cumberland

The Grand Carnival Dance of H.M.S. Cumberland which was held at the China Fleet Club Theatre yesterday evening was a great success. The hall where the function was held was gaily bedecked with balloons, streamers and festoons by the Decoration Committee.

At the conclusion of the dance the Committee extended their sincere thanks to Mrs. Moir and all those who by their efforts contributed to the success of the dance.

Among the large gathering present were Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little and Lady Little, Captain Leach, M.V.O., and officers of the Cumberland were also in attendance.

The "Selma" Dance Orchestra rendered popular dance selections during the evening.

AUSTRALIA'S TEAM FOR THIRD TEST

London, Dec. 23. Australia's team for the Third Test match will be selected from Bradman, Badcock, Brown, Darling, Fingleton, McCabe, McCormick, O'Brien, O'Reilly, Oldfield, Fleetwood Smith and Ward.—*Reuter.*

"Call To Religion"

Primate's Broadcast To The Empire

DEEPER SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

London, Dec. 23. The Archbishop of Canterbury will, on Sunday evening, broadcast to the nation his "Call to Religion."



He will speak not as head of the Church of England but as the chief representative of Christian life of the Empire.

He will call the nations of the Empire to re-dedicate themselves to the service of Christianity just as the King at his Coronation will be consecrated and dedicated to his Kingship.

The Archbishop has already satisfied himself that other denominations are prepared to follow his lead in endeavouring to stimulate a deeper consciousness of religious fundamentals during the coming year.—*British Wireless.*

SPECIAL AREAS IN BRITAIN

Commissioner's New Helpers

London, Dec. 23.

Sir George Gillett, Commissioner for Special Areas, has appointed as industrial adviser Lord Portal who is a prominent industrialist and chairman of the Special Reconstruction Association. He is one of the Trustees nominated in connection with Lord Nuffield's £2,000,000 gift for Special Areas.

Three other advisers appointed by Sir George Gillett to associate themselves with Lord Portal in this work are also closely associated with the conduct of industrial and commercial concerns. They include Frank Hodge, who was a member of the 1924 Labour Administration and one time Secretary of the Mines Federation. He now serves on the directorates of several important companies and is vice-chairman of the National Fuel and Power committee.—*British Wireless.*

XMAS GIFTS SENT TO THE FRONTS

Madrid, Dec. 23.

The Cabinet met at Valencia yesterday to discuss the situation in connection with the civil war.

Newspapers in Madrid are appealing for Xmas gifts for the troops at the various fronts. Provisions and tobacco supplied by international relief funds have been sent to the fronts for both the government and insurgent troops.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

11th Kowloon (Wah Yan) Troop



Some of the Scouts of the 11th Kowloon (Wah Yan) troop, who took part in the last week-end camp, got together for this group picture in a ravine in the Kowloon Hills. Among them are Fleet S. M. Lawder, and A. S. M. Lobato de Faria.

FOREIGN MAILS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 25th December and Saturday the 26th December the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of Registered correspondence at 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

K.L.T. Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1936 to 6th January, 1937, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superimposed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI AND FOOCHOW	Shanghai	24th Dec.
STRAITS AND EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th Nov. and London, 19th Nov.	Rangoon	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	G. G. Paul Dore	24th Dec.
JAPAN, ANNAM and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London date, 3rd Dec.)	Comorin	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Schamhorst	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Trishina Maru	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Asuta Maru	24th Dec.
STRAITS	D'Arzac	24th Dec.
SAIGON	Conte Verde	24th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Cheruvu Maru	24th Dec.
MANILA	Flaccantville	24th Dec.
SAIGON	Tasman	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Togama Maru	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Nagata Maru	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Turquoise	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Bangalore	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Aja	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Cheruvu Maru	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Van Houten	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Kankin	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canton	24th Dec.
AMOI	Talamba	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Africa	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Talamba	24th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver B.C. 12th Dec.)	Kmp. of Canada	1st Jan.
SHANGHAI	Komati	1st Jan.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Harbin Maru	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Africa Maru	1st Jan.
JAPAN	Naloro	2nd Jan.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Turquoise	2nd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE and TIME
THURSDAY		
Straits	Urmers	Thursday, 24th, Noon
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. plane	Reg. Noon
Port Bayard	Wing Wah	12.30 P.M.
Swatow	Kong Pi-g	2.00 P.M.
Amoy	Talamba	3.30 P.M.
FRIDAY		
Mr. Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Fochow and North China (via Shanghai)	C.N.A.C. plane	Reg. 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 4th January.	R.M.A.	Reg. 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 29th December.	R.M.A.	Reg. 24th, 5.00 P.M.
SATURDAY		
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via SIBERIA	Rangoon	Friday, 25th, 8.30 A.M.
Letters for Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by "Pan-American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 5th January.	Atsuta Maru	Reg. 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due, Thursday Island, 7th January	Atsuta Maru	Reg. 10.15 A.M.
SAIGON and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd January	D'Arzac	Reg. 10.15 A.M.
*Manila, and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th January—Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Schamhorst	11.00 A.M.
Hobart, Exeter and Haiphong	Kuanlung	11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Hai Tung	11.00 A.M.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd January	Comorin	Reg. 24th, 9.45 A.M.
SATURDAY		
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 4th Jan.	Comorin	Reg. 9.30 A.M.
*Shanghai	Conte Verde	9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via SIBERIA	Okenovos	11.00 A.M.
Amoy	Konyuan	11.00 A.M.
Japan	Sai Sang	11.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Kuanlung	Reg. 24th, 11.00 A.M.

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